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AGENDA  
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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING  
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April 20-21, 1955

Presiding:

President Reinhard Krause

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- ✓ 1. Convening of Session
2. Devotions
3. Roll Call
4. Presentation of Visitors
5. Adoption of Agenda and Working Schedule
6. Communications
7. Action on Minutes of 1954 Annual Meeting and Executive Committee Meeting, December 29, 1954
8. Consideration of Recommendations of Executive Secretary
9. Report of Board of Editors and Action on Recommendations
10. Consideration of Recommendations of Staff Members
  - (a) Children's Work
  - (b) Youth Work
  - (c) Student Work
  - (d) Adult Work and Family Life
  - (e) Camps and Conferences
  - (f) Leadership Education
  - (g) Missionary Education
  - (h) Literature Consultant
  - (i) Service Library
  - (j) Director of Curriculum
  - (k) Editors
  - (l) Director of Publications



**11. Executive Session**

- (a) Consideration of Financial Matters**
- (b) Adoption of Working Budget for 1955**
- (c) Election of Staff Members**
- (d) Other Items**

**12. Dates for Executive Committee Meeting and  
Annual Board Meeting**

**13. Other Items**

**14. Adjournment**



REPORTS  
OF  
STAFF MEMBERS



## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

My ninth annual report is herewith respectfully submitted to the Board. As the reports of the various departments indicate, 1954 has been a good year; and we can be grateful for the many evidences of progress in Christian education that have been made. At the same time, we are not unmindful of the many unmet needs that exist; and it is our hope that in the years ahead our efforts will meet with ever increasing acceptance by our people. In all that we do it is our prayer that God may see fit to bestow his blessing upon our work,

### Personnel Items

The Reverend Robert E. Koenig, Ph.D., Elmhurst, Ill., became director of curriculum on September 1, 1954. Dr. Koenig, who is a son of one of our pastors, was graduated from the University of Chicago, the Chicago Theological Seminary, and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He was also a student for several terms at Eden Theological Seminary. Prior to assuming his present post, Dr. Koenig served as pastor of St. John's Church, Hinsdale, Ill., and was Professor of Bible and Christian Education at Elmhurst College. He succeeds Dr. Fred D. Wentzel who will now devote his entire time to directing the book publication activities of Christian Education Press.

Miss Jean Louise Smith resigned as editor of the Church School Worker and the quarterly family books effective September 1, 1954. Miss Smith will devote her time to free-lance writing for religious publications. She had been in the employ of our Board since September 1950. Miss Marie Remmel is now serving as editor of Church School Worker and the family books.

Miss Freda Dexheimer, of Granite City, Ill., began her duties as a field worker on September 15, 1954. Miss Dexheimer is the daughter of a former pastor of our Church and has had considerable experience in the fields of public education and religious education. Prior to her present assignment she had been employed as director of religious education of Christ Church Cathedral in St. Louis.



At the request of the General Council, the Reverend Oscar J. Rumpf was released from his responsibility as director of adult work with our Board on June 30, 1954, so that he might give full time to the task of directing the Bureau of Audio-Visual Aids. Mr. Rumpf had been in the employ of our Board since September 1, 1945. The Reverend William E. Wimer, who on February 1, 1954, became interim director of leadership education during the temporary absence of Mr. Loren Walters, is also serving as acting director of adult work and family life.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board on December 29, 1954, the Executive Secretary was authorized to recommend to the Board at its Annual Meeting that Mr. Wimer be employed as full-time director of adult work and family life as of October 1, 1955, when it is expected that Mr. Loren Walters will return to resume his responsibilities for leadership education on our staff.

Miss Irene F. Balliet, who was granted a leave of absence to complete her graduate studies at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, from October 1, 1954 to February 1, 1955, has returned to her post as associate director of children's work.

Mr. Carl Bade of St. Louis, Mo., began his duties as assistant director of the Voluntary Service Training Program on June 1, 1954. Mr. Bade has had several years experience as a junior high school teacher, and prior to assuming the duties of his present post was employed as director of youth activities in one of our St. Louis churches.

Dr. Gilbert W. Schroer, who had served as director of the Cooperative Council of Missionary Education since April 1, 1945, resigned as director of the department of missionary education effective December 31, 1954.

The routine work in the office in St. Louis is being carried on by Mrs. Ethel F. Kennel, who has been associated with Dr. Schroer for many years. Mrs. Kennel is intelligently devoted to the missionary program of our Church and is working quite satisfactorily under our supervision. The Revs. Fred E. McQueen and Hartland H. Helmich are working closely with Mrs. Kennel until such time as a new director of the department of missionary education is elected.

It is our hope that we may find two persons to take charge of the important work of missionary education in our denomination:



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A director, whose chief responsibility will be to interpret the program of missionary education in the field--that is, through personal contacts with local churches, through conducting schools of missions, holding conferences on missions, and the like. The director will have a general supervision over the work of this department.

A missions editor, whose chief responsibility will be of a literary and editorial character--that is, he will see to it that missionary data are channeled into the church school lesson materials, THE MESSENGER, and other church publications; and will have general supervision over the production of whatever supplementary interpretative literature the mission boards require to get their story across to our people.

Jerome Jay Fussell, Ph.D., has been approved for the post of missions editor by members of the Board, Boards of International Missions and National Missions. Authorization of Dr. Fussell's election to this post is being sought from the Administrative Committee of the General Council. Dr. Fussell is well qualified for this post and we are looking forward hopefully to the possibility of his joining our staff September 1, 1955.

For director of the department of missionary education we expect to have a candidate to propose at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

Miss Lael A. Henderson, who has been employed as editorial assistant on a temporary basis, has been serving as acting editor of junior high publications since September 1, 1954. The matter of giving Miss Henderson full editorial status on our staff was considered at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board on December 29, 1954. The Executive Secretary was authorized to recommend to the Board at its Annual Meeting that Miss Henderson be elected as a member of the editorial staff.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee on December 29, 1954, the Executive Secretary was authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to provide additional editorial and promotional staff assistance. In accordance with this action, Miss Helen E. Groninger has been employed



on an experimental basis for a period of one year from February 1, 1955. After being graduated from Ursinus College, she served for four years as secretary to the president. Her subsequent employment record includes two years as correspondent and supervisor of the dictaphone department of Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York; three years as supervisor of the work of the Office of the Secretary at New York University; six years as secretary to the Credit Manager of Luden's Inc., Reading, Pa.; three years as auditor on special assignment with the Defense Plant Corporation, Pottstown, Pa.

For the past ten years Miss Groninger served as research analyst in the foreign sales department of Sharp & Dohme, pharmaceutical chemists. Recently Sharp & Dohme merged with Merck & Co. and the office Miss Groninger headed was moved to the New York area. Since Miss Groninger preferred to remain in the Philadelphia region she was interested in finding another position. She has been given responsibility for promoting sales of period materials and Christian Education Press publications as well as some proof reading and copy editing tasks in our editorial department. It is hoped that within the year we shall be able to determine where our most urgent needs are and to what specific task Miss Groninger should be assigned to our mutual benefit. Meanwhile, it is respectfully requested that the Board will see fit to support this pro tempore arrangement.

It is with regret that I report the resignation of the Reverend Evelyn C. McGill who became editor of children's publications on July 1, 1953. Her resignation is to become effective August 31, 1955. Miss McGill finds the pressures of editorial work rather restricting and is looking forward to the possibility of working as a director of religious education in the local church. Steps are being taken to find a successor to Miss McGill and it is expected that we shall have someone to suggest for this post by the time of the Annual Meeting.

Donald Flick has served as youth associate during the past year and plans to resume his theological studies at Lancaster Seminary in the fall. The Reverends Paul Rahmeier and Otto Sommer have served for the past year as student work associate and assistant minister to students respectively with the department of student work.

Mrs. Henry K. (Barbara) Haines, who was mentioned in my 1954 report as having possibilities of developing into an editor, decided to remarry, which means that she is no longer available for work with us.

Changes in office personnel during the year have been normal. The following persons left the employ of the Board on the dates and for the reasons noted:



Jessie Irwin - clerk in periodical department -

January 1, 1955, because of illness

Miriam Weaver - secretary to Mr. Ahrens -

February 1, 1955, to assume full-time family responsibilities

Edward C. Scheuerle, who has been employed as shipping clerk since April 28, 1951, retired on January 1, 1955. We are continuing to employ Mr. Scheuerle on a part-time basis to give assistance in our shipping department. Business has increased to such an extent in recent years that one full-time person can no longer handle this work without some supplementary assistance.

The following persons have been added to our office force:

Edwin Heckler - shipping clerk - January 1, 1955

Mrs. Elizabeth McCullough - clerk to Mr. Schlingman - transferred from part-time to full-time clerk, March 1, 1955

Mrs. Shirley Smith - clerk in periodical department - June 15, 1954

Estelle Woerheide - secretary to Mr. Helmich - July 26, 1954

Mrs. Josephine Wolfe - clerk in periodical department - transferred from part-time to full-time clerk, March 1, 1955

Mrs. Doris Collins - secretary to Mr. Ahrens - January 15, 1955

Mrs. Grace Eldridge - part-time secretary in children's department - July 1, 1954

Mrs. Mary Schoenfelder - part-time secretary in department of adult work and family life - November 1, 1954

Bessie Agard - part-time secretary to Mr. Helmich - March 1, 1955

In addition to the above named persons, Mrs. Helen Thomas is employed as cook at the Voluntary Service Training Center and Miss Lilly Ann Werner as crafts director at the Voluntary Service Training Center.

Our force of staff and office workers, permanent and part-time in Philadelphia and St. Louis, totals 75. To all our employees we pay special tribute for devoted and faithful service.



The following persons have been in the employ of the Board for the length of time indicated:

Five years -

Herman C. Ahrens, Irene F. Balliet,  
Mrs. Bernetta Knobloch, Mrs. Leila Logan,  
Leona Poppe, Ethel Shellenberger

Ten Years -

Virginia Blauser

Fifteen Years -

Bernice Buehler

Thirty Years -

Miriam L. Dobbins

Thirty-Five Years -

Tessie Uhrmann, L. Marion Hull

Plans are being made to give special recognition to these employees who have given generously of themselves to the work of the Church as it has been committed to our Board. The long records of faithful and efficient service of Miss Dobbins, Miss Uhrmann and Mrs. Hull are worthy of special mention.

Financial Items

Our education department budget for 1954, as approved by the Board a year ago, totaled \$250,467.66. Actual receipts for the year were as follows:

Regular monthly apportionment payments	\$ 180,000.00
Contributions from the Women's Guild	52,200.00
Contributions from churches	464.95
Cash balance from 1952	<u>1,186.61</u>
Total	\$ 233,851.56

Actual net expenditures for 1954 in our education department totaled \$230,918.76. In addition there were some advance expenditures for supplies, postage, travel, and the like. When the auditor submits his final report there may be some adjustments that will modify certain items, but we know that we finished the year well within our budgeted figures. A summary of budget appropriations and actual expenditures follows:



	Budget Allowance	Actual Expenditures	Difference Between Expend. & Allow.
General Administration	39,703.78	43,473.60	( 3,769.82)
Service Library	3,833.88	3,684.31	149.57
Leadership Training	16,098.16	14,324.03	1,774.13
Weekday & Vacation Schools	1,000.00	575.51	424.49
Children's Work	32,429.68	35,618.11	( 3,188.43)
Youth Work	37,916.00	39,820.32	( 1,904.32)
Student Work	44,476.00	41,570.58	2,905.42
Camps & Conferences			
Administrative	18,053.16	16,057.08	1,996.08
Operation	1,600.00	1,376.92	223.08
Voluntary Training Program	10,425.00	12,035.83	( 1,610.83)
Adult Work	13,976.00	4,357.93	9,618.07
Audio-Visuals	3,000.00	2,527.70	472.30
Literature Consultant	5,057.96	3,640.53	1,417.43
Missionary Education	19,963.04	13,642.02	6,321.02
Shipping Department	2,935.00	3,511.31	( 576.31)

It will be noted that there were over-expenditures in the accounts indicated below. Reasons for these over-expenditures are noted. The over-expenditures in General Administration can be attributed to greater expenditures than were anticipated for promotional work, for supplementary secretarial salaries and for the underwriting of the 1955 synodical chairmen's conference. The over-expenditures in the department of children's work are attributed to greater costs than were anticipated in the publication and distribution of the Child's Teacher, in conducting the 1954 national children's workers' workshop, and in underwriting the annual meeting of the synodical children's workers' cabinet. The over-expenditures in the youth department were caused by greater costs than were anticipated in conducting the national officers' workshop, and in providing supplementary office assistance. The over-expenditure for the Voluntary Training Program was occasioned by an advance of \$5,000 made on account of our anticipated obligations for the year 1955. The over-expenditures in the shipping department were caused by additional salary needs and unanticipated increases in costs of necessary supplies.

#### Periodical Department

In the periodical department our income from sales for 1954 exceeded costs and expenses by the sum of \$22,001.98. This figure may be modified slightly when the auditor submits his report. Meanwhile, the following comparative data will be of interest:



<u>Year</u>	<u>Net Sales</u>	<u>Costs &amp; Expenses</u>	<u>Profit</u>	<u>P. C. of Profit</u>
1946	\$ 223,210.23	\$218,619.89	\$ 6,690.34	.03 (3%)
1947	259,315.79	245,382.39	13,933.40	.053 (5.3%)
1948	324,255.19	274,066.00	50,404.21	.152 (15.2%)
1949	382,194.88	338,029.04	44,165.84	.116 (11.6%)
1950	425,400.84	358,749.28	66,651.56	.156 (15.6%)
1951	514,770.62	438,422.32	76,348.30	.146 (14.6%)
1952	509,585.77	468,228.46	41,367.31	.081 (8.1%)
1953	505,399.60	488,006.18	17,394.42	.034 (3.4%)
1954	545,913.85	525,911.87	22,001.98	.041 (4.1%)

It will be noted that our total dollar volume of sales is the highest in our history representing an increase of \$40,514.25 over 1953 figures. The actual profit on this volume of business is clearly not what it should be since it amounts to approximately 4%. However, it was the increase in prices effective October 1, 1954, which enabled us to finish the year in the black. At the end of the nine-months period, we experienced a loss of \$3,539.94. Thus the increase in prices enabled us to wipe out this deficit and show a small margin of profit for the year. Unfortunately costs have still not leveled off. We are advised that there will be increases in printing costs due to new labor contracts signed this spring, and there is every indication that paper and distribution costs may likewise increase. When it is realized that our entire curriculum development program including our field worker service is financed from periodical income, it becomes evident that we are carrying on our periodical business on a bare subsistence basis.

An analysis of the tentative profit and loss statement indicates that, in the Church and Home Series, out of 23 items published, the 7 teachers' guides were loss items. There is of course nothing unusual about this. Losses ranged from \$267.62 for the lower junior teacher's guide, to \$4,371.80 for the young people and adult teacher's guide.

Of the 7 items published under the category papers, magazines, etc., 5 were loss items. These losses ranged from \$247.00 for Venture, the weekly story paper for junior highs, to \$20,807.66 for the bi-weekly magazine Youth. The Church School Worker showed a loss of \$10,069.33. This latter loss was \$3,000.00 less than in 1953. This improvement is partially accounted for by changed accounting practices as well as an increase in the volume of subscriptions to the Church School Worker. So far as Youth magazine is concerned, this is a more costly publication than was its predecessor, the bi-weekly newspaper. There have also been many expenses incident to the launching of the magazine in this new format and the promotional work involved in getting it underway. Although we have succeeded in building up our



circulation volume on Youth to approximately 19,000, it is evident that we need to work for twice that circulation before we can hope to have this item pay its way. An intensive promotional campaign is being launched on which a report will be made at the Board meeting.

Of the 9 items in the International Uniform Series, 5 were loss items. Losses <sup>ranged</sup> from \$8.19 for the Lesson Leaf to \$9,191.73 for the youth-adult teacher. The primary-junior teacher also showed a sizable loss in the amount of \$6,448.92.

The item showing the largest profit for the year was the junior pupil book in the Church and Home Series. In 1954 this showed a profit of \$21,785.98. The adult student in the International Uniform Series also showed a sizable profit in the amount of \$19,487.72.

In accordance with our policy free grants for one quarter were made to mission church schools and to church schools not presently using denominational materials. In 1954 34 schools received free grants of materials representing a total value of \$1,656.80.

The Unified Protestant Sunday School Curriculum for the Armed Forces, which got underway in October 1954, met with better response than was anticipated. For the October-December quarter of 1954 our Board provided 1,762 copies of the teacher's guide and 19,425 copies of the pupil's book in the junior unit "Story of Jesus." For the January-March 1955 quarter we supplied 1,882 copies of the teacher's guide and 20,339 copies of the pupil's book in the junior unit "Jesus' Friends Tell His Story." We also supplied 2,213 copies of the family book "We Would See Jesus."

For April-June 1955 we shall be furnishing the teacher and pupil book in the junior high unit "Growing Up", for July-September 1955 the teacher and pupil book in the senior high unit "Wings In Worship."

Up to the present time we have also supplied the Armed Services with the following filmstrips in the quantities indicated:

Life of Christ	92
Wonders of God	85
Christian Living In Our World	77
We Grew Together	76
How and Why We Worship	79
Palestine in Jesus' Day (Part I)	<u>1</u>
Total	410



Although this business helped to increase our total circulation volume and thus reduce to some extent our unit costs for these items, the business was not actually very profitable since these items are furnished at a 25% discount to the Methodist Publishing House in Nashville, Tenn., which serves as the ordering and billing agents for the Armed Services.

Christian Education Press

The Christian Education Press had the best year in its history. The total volume of sales amounted to \$82,934.11 as compared with \$51,740.53 in 1953. Book sales totaled \$67,915.65 and sales of lithographs, slides and filmstrips totaled \$15,018.46. The excess of income over expenditures for 1954 is \$9,185.64 which represents a profit of 11.7%. Now that Dr. Wentzel has been released from other duties and is able to give his full attention to our book publication business, we should be able to make considerable progress in this aspect of the activities of our Board.

Following is a tabulation, by years, of orders received by Christian Education Press since its organization fourteen years ago:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Book Orders</u>	<u>Filmstrip Orders</u>
1941	102	
1942	285	
1943	562	
1944	501	
1945	563	
1946	1,529	
1947	1,700	
1948	2,112	
1949	2,663	
1950	3,000	
1951	2,297	
1952	2,850	562
1953	2,617	829
1954	3,802	1,138

Pursuant to action of the Executive Committee at its meeting on December 29, 1954, steps have been taken to have reproduced in color the "Head of Christ" from the Barosin painting "The Great Commission" in the Life of Christ series, and "Come Unto Me" which is one of the subjects in the Barosin series on The Growth In Our Idea Of God. It is expected that color proofs of these subjects will be available for showing at the Board meeting. We are planning to introduce these reproductions to the public in connection with the 23rd International Sunday School Convention scheduled to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31, 1955.



### Curriculum Development Program

The entire staff continues to spend considerable time on curriculum matters. Several lengthy conferences involving the E&R and CC staffs were held during the year. We are fortunate to have at the head of this enterprise Dr. Robert E. Koenig, our new director of curriculum, who has taken hold of his responsibilities in a masterful manner. The results of our efforts to date as we look toward the future are included in Dr. Koenig's report.

The field worker program continues to serve a real need in our Church. With three full-time field workers we are now able to meet most of the requests for assistance that come to us. Each field worker now has at her disposal a station wagon, which is well equipped, and which adds prestige to the responsibilities which the field workers are asked to carry on.

A statement of income and expenditures in the curriculum development program account for 1954 follows. An appropriation of \$20,000 from periodical income will be needed to carry this account in 1955.

Balance on hand December 31, 1953	\$ 5,800.72
Transferred from Periodical Income May 31, 1954	<u>20,000.00</u>
	\$ 25,800.72

Total Expenditures January 1, 1954,  
to December 31, 1954:

Postage and Express	1.30	
Promotional Expenses	487.92	
Stationery and Supplies	123.48	
Telephone and Telegrams	1.87	
Travel:		
Atlantic City:		
Travel Expenses and Hotel	2,212.67	
Honoraria	250.00	
Supplies	<u>35.12</u>	2,497.79
Boston Meetings:		
Travel Expenses and Hotel	2,611.47	
Miscellaneous Luncheon and Dinner Meetings	64.25	
Field Workers:		
Salaries	7,824.92	
Travel	2,067.34	
Supplies and Other Expenses	872.53	
Station Wagons:		
Cost of three (3)	7,084.00	
Maintenance Costs	<u>707.42</u>	<u>24,344.29</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 1954		\$ 1,456.43



### 1955 Budget

The Executive Committee of the Board meeting on December 29, 1954, gave tentative approval to an education budget for 1955 totalling \$281,837.02. This budget was presented to the Finance and Budget Committee of the General Council, meeting in New Orleans, La., in February 1955. General Council voted our Board a guaranteed advance for 1955 of \$190,000. In addition, our Board was granted \$30,000 from the 1954 apportionment overage.

The Board of Directors of the Women's Guild, meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, in March 1955, voted the sum of \$7,500 to our Board from the Thank Offering overage. Of this sum \$2,500 is to go to the Volunteer Service Training Program. The other \$5,000 is undesignated.

It would appear that with careful management we can find the means of financing the education department budget as submitted and we are therefore presenting the 1955 budget as tentatively approved by the Executive Committee for adoption by the Board. A copy of the 1955 Budget will be found in the Annual Volume.

For the information of our Board members there is a statement appended showing how the various boards and agencies shared in the guaranteed advances for 1955.

### Reactivation of Schaff Building Indebtedness

Under date of February 28, 1955, we received from the Treasurer of the Church the sum of \$10,000 which had been turned over to the General Council by the Board of Business Management with the recommendation that it be given to the Board of Christian Education and Publication on account of indebtedness which had been "written off" in 1945 and 1949. In this connection it would be of interest to the Board to quote two actions of the General Council at its February 1955 meeting in New Orleans:

- (a) The General Council approved the recommendation of the Board of Business Management that in view of the continued contributions to the Board of Business Management for their general use by the Schaff-Heidelberg Corporation secured from profits of the Schaff Building, that a joint committee representing the General Council and the Board of Business Management be constituted to study the obligations of the Schaff Building written off in 1945 and in 1949 and to recommend which of these obligations, if any, shall be reactivated and the order of priority to be followed in making restoration.



	Budget 1954-1956	Guaranteed Advance 1954	Guaranteed Advance 1955	P.C. of General Synod Allow- ance
International Missions	900,000	680,000	680,000	76
National Missions	675,000	600,000	600,000	89
" " Building Fund	150,000	100,000	100,000	67
Pensions and Relief	490,000	475,000	475,000	97
" " Pastors' Homes	5,000	4,800	4,800	96
Christian Education	240,000	180,000	190,000	79
Business Management	10,000	8,000	10,000	100
Eden Seminary	52,000	52,000	52,000	100
Lancaster Seminary	30,000	30,000	30,000	100
Mission House	36,000	36,000	36,000	100
Elmhurst College	61,000	61,000	61,000	100
Heidelberg College	29,290	29,290	29,290	100
Cedar Crest College	24,000	24,000	24,000	100
Catawba College	24,000	24,000	24,000	100
Ursinus College	18,000	18,000	18,000	100
Franklin & Marshall College	18,000	18,000	18,000	100
Hood College	14,500	14,500	14,500	100
Massanutten Academy	9,000	9,000	9,000	100
Mercersburg Academy	9,000	9,000	9,000	100
Supplemen'y Higher Ed. Fund	275,000	150,000	150,000	55
Churchmen's Brotherhood	8,000	6,000	7,200	90
Women's Guild	2,000	2,000	2,000	100
Commission on Evangelism	30,000	28,000	30,000	100
Com. on Christian Soc. Act.	40,000	32,000	35,000	88
Stewardship Commission	15,000	12,000	13,000	87
Com. on Higher Education	2,500	2,500	2,500	100
Com on Benevolent Institutions	1,000	1,000	1,000	100
Historical Commission	1,800	1,800	1,800	100
Travel Equal., Synod Spring M'tg	3,500	3,500	3,500	100
Nat'l Council of Churches	10,000	10,000	10,000	100
World Council of Churches	10,000	10,000	10,000	100
Alliance of Ref. Churches	2,400	2,400	2,400	100
United Promotion	69,000	64,000	64,000	93
Visual Aids	50,000	42,000	42,000	85
Radio	6,000	6,000	6,000	100
Television	10,000	10,000	10,000	100
Administration Fund	135,000	125,000	125,000	93
Student Aid	90,000	80,000	65,000	72
Contingent Items	202,500	111,080	165,000	81
	3,758,490	3,071,870	3,129,990	



(b) The General Council approves the action of the Board of Business Management that the additional gift of \$10,000 be made at the end of 1954 by the Schaff-Heidelberg Corporation be given to the Board of Christian Education and Publication.

According to a letter received from Robert C. Kienle, President of the Board of Business Management, it is the intention of that Board that \$9,800.00 of the total amount paid to us should be used to wipe out the amount due our Board from the Schaff-Heidelberg Corporation which was ordered written off by General Council in September 1949. I have written Dr. Kienle to the effect that <sup>I thought</sup> our Board would be willing to accept this proposal and I respectfully recommend that appropriate action be taken by the Board. The Board should also instruct us what their wishes are with respect to the disposition of the balance of \$200.00.

#### Centralizing Ordering Procedures for Periodical Materials

In accordance with action taken by the Executive Committee on December 29, 1954, procedures have been set in motion for the centralizing of orders for periodical materials by all our church schools in our Philadelphia offices. Ever since the merger Eden Publishing House has been serving as agent for our Board in receiving orders for church school lesson materials from the western section of the Church. This has been a costly process for our Board since it involves much duplication of effort and we have been paying Eden Publishing House on an average of \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year for their services in this connection.

On April 1, 1955, a communication (copy appended) was sent by Eden Publishing House to all church schools ordering through them. As this communication indicates, beginning with the October-December quarter 1955, all orders for periodical materials will be handled directly in our Philadelphia offices. We believe this will make for greater efficiency and economy. It is quite a satisfaction that this matter which has been under negotiation for many years, has now been happily consummated. We are deeply grateful to Mr. William R. Pelster for his excellent cooperation in helping to bring this condition about.

#### Conference of Synodical Chairman

The 8th National Conference of Representatives of Synodical Committees on Christian Education was held in Zion Church, South Bend, Ind., Reverend Edward W. Brueseke, D.D., pastor, January 18-20, 1955. All 34 synods were represented and we had a very profitable



time together. A major portion of the conference was devoted to the reworking of the document "The Synodical Committee on Christian Education - Its Working Relationship With the Board of Christian Education and Publication." A copy of the revised document has been sent to all members of the Board and a sufficient number of copies were sent to every synodical chairman for distribution to the members of the synodical committees.

We are most fortunate in having a cooperative and enthusiastic group of synodical chairmen who are doing much in the limited time that they have at their disposal to help interpret the program and concerns of our Board in their respective synods. These annual conferences with our synodical leaders give us an opportunity to keep our people fully informed about our plans and to get their reactions to them. It is our feeling that these meetings are well worth the cost in time, money and effort that they entail.

There is submitted herewith a financial statement on the South Bend Conference which is presented as a matter of interest to our Board members.

Receipts:

Synod Contributions	515.00	
Railroad refunds	92.71	
Postage refunds	<u>1.16</u>	608.87

Expenditures:

Travel	2,682.84	
Meals	360.00	
Express	9.71	
Christian Education Press	12.82	
Periodical Department	9.13	
Supplies	6.21	
Telegrams	3.79	
Postage	<u>1.60</u>	<u>3,086.10</u>

Board Subsidy		2,477.23
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The pastor of the host church and his fellow workers were most helpful in providing us with everything we needed for a successful meeting. It is always a satisfaction to be entertained in the homes of church families in the various communities in which these meetings are held. It is our earnest hope that the benefits received are not entirely one-sided for we believe that the personal contacts made tend to give the people in the local church a better understanding of the work we are trying to do.

### Miscellaneous Items

23rd International Sunday School Convention. We are all looking forward to this important convention which is scheduled to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, July 27-31, 1955. It is expected that some 10,000 persons from Protestant churches in the United States and Canada will be in attendance at this convention, and of this number we are anticipating that at least 300 of our own leaders will be present. The fact that Loren Walters, who has been on leave of absence from our staff, is serving as convention director should be of added interest to our people as they look forward to participating in this significant enterprise. The convention will offer many opportunities for inspiration and information to Christian parents, teachers, superintendents and pastors. Provision is being made for 86 interest groups, Bible study groups, and a series of challenging platform addresses. In addition, each denomination will hold seminar sessions of its own on three successive afternoons during the convention period. Delegates from our Church are scheduled to meet at Trinity Church, Cleveland, Ohio, of which the Reverend Elam G. Wiest is pastor. In these meetings we plan to emphasize "How to Make the Bible Speak Within the Christian Family", "Ways in Which the Church and the Home Can Work Together", and "Ways of Reaching Every Persons With the Christian Gospel." These will be practical sessions and we intend to demonstrate how the materials which the Board provides may be used effectively. A mass meeting for Evangelical and Reformed people in the entire Cleveland area is planned for the evening of July 29 in Trinity Church. Dr. Robert C. Stanger, vice president of the Church and pastor of Bethany Church, Chicago, will be the principal speaker on this occasion.

Staff Conference at the Voluntary Service Training Center. For three days in March 1955, our entire staff held a conference at the Voluntary Service Training Center near Pottstown, Pa. This is the first time that our staff has had an opportunity to meet together for a prolonged time. The experience was a most wholesome one for all of us. As a result we were able to consider leisurely our total responsibility as a staff, to make a frank evaluation of our achievements to date, and to look ahead realistically to the job that needs to be done. It is impossible here to enumerate specifically all the outcomes of the conference, but the Board will be interested to know that we gained some new insights and achieved a new sense of direction for the future. One of the interesting decisions was to extend an invitation to all the other boards and agencies of the Church to plan for a united staff conference, if possible, during a week early in December 1955.



**Three-Year Denomination-Wide Emphasis.** Several meetings of executives of the various boards and agencies of our denomination have been held looking toward the possibility of presenting to the 1956 General Synod a three-year denomination-wide ADVANCE for the triennium 1957-59. As presently conceived, there will be eight areas in which goals for the ADVANCE will be set:

- (a) A measurable increase in new members and church attendance.
- (b) The number of new churches established.
- (c) A missionary program overseas.
- (d) A goal of participation in the educational program of the Church.
- (e) A goal in the realm of family life, including an increase in the circulation of The Messenger.
- (f) A goal in the area of life enlistment. This would involve preparation for life enlistment (including the whole Youth Program), students for the ministry, and men and women in the armed forces.
- (g) A goal of participation in service and action. This should be a congregational goal, and should involve a definite project both in service and action, not one or the other.
- (h) A goal related to giving, with emphasis upon stewardship. This too should be a congregational goal. It is suggested that half as much be given for benevolent purposes as for the local congregation, in other words, half as much for others as for ourselves.

It is hoped that all the congregations of the denomination will be challenged by this program in which all the boards and agencies of the Church will be expected to participate in their own particular ways.

Another meeting of the executives is being planned during the month of May 1955 at which time it is planned to develop the contemplated program in a more detailed manner.

**Self-Study of the Boards and Agencies.** The Study Committee appointed by the General Council has requested each board and agency to participate in a study of its own program in relation to the work of the Church as a whole with a view to seeing what can be done to make for greater efficiency and effectiveness in the life and work of our Church. A series of basic questions formulated by the committee was circulated to all members of our Board and staff some months ago, and in March 1955 a communication from Dr. Ben M. Herbster, chairman of the Study Committee, was transmitted to all Board and staff members.

It is our hope that serious consideration will be given to **this matter** at our Board meeting so that we may have some helpful suggestions to make for transmission to the Study Committee when it meets during the summer months.

National Conference on Christian Education. The Board will need to decide whether we are to plan for another National Conference on Christian Education. If we are to follow our established pattern, 1957 is the year for such a conference. If we are to hold another conference similar to that held at Purdue University in 1953, we shall need to begin soon to make preparations for it. Such matters as clearance of dates, approval of such dates by the General Council, possible place of meeting, proposed nature of the conference are among the first decisions that need to be made. Since 1957 is the year tentatively set for the merger of the E&R and CC Churches, this possibility should also enter into our thinking. The question of CC participation in such a conference, should it be held, is also pertinent. The possibility of making such a conference an all-church conference solely in which the various boards and agencies are invited to participate as sponsors, is likewise a matter that should be given serious consideration.

Exhibits of the "Life of Christ" Paintings. The 75 original water color **paintings on the "Life of Christ"** by Jacques Barosin have been on almost continuous exhibit since their first showing at the Art Alliance in Philadelphia during September 1951. The exhibit scheduled from January 1954 through April 1955 was as follows:

#### 1954

January	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, N. C.
March	St. John's Evan. Prot. Church, Evansville, Ind.
April	St. Stephen's E&R Church, Harrisonburg, Va.
May	Wisconsin Area Women's Guild, Milwaukee, Wis.
September	Washington, D. C., Federation of Churches and Concordia Evan. Luth. Church, Washington, D. C.
October	York County Council of Churches, York, Pa.
December	United Churches of Greater Harrisburg and Dauphin County, Harrisburg, Pa.

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January	United Churches of Lancaster County, Lancaster, Pa.
February	Donnellson Ministerial Assoc., Donnellson, Ia.
March	Student Christian Association, Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio
April	Flossmoor Community Church, Flossmoor, Ill.



Future commitments include the following:

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May	Upper Sandusky Area, Upper Sandusky, Ohio
July 1-15	Ogelbay Institute, Elm Grove, W. Va.
July 27-31	23rd International Sunday School Convention Cleveland, Ohio
October	E&R Churches in area near Ursa, Ill.
November	St. Paul's E&R Church, Washington, Ia.
December	Immanuel E&R Church, Louisville, Ky.

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January	St. John's E&R Church, Columbus, Ohio
February	Trinity E&R Church, New Orleans, La.
March	Greater Norristown Council of Churches, Norristown, Pa.

National Conference on Religion and Public Education. The Committee on Religion and Public Education of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, has invited our Board to participate in a Conference on Religion and Public Education to be held in St. Louis, Mo., November 6-8, 1955. Plans are being made to bring together 250 representative persons from denominational Boards of Christian Education, from various agencies in the National Council which have an interest in this problem, State Councils of Churches, and from the field of public education. The purposes of the conference are

1. To consider what their religious motives mean in the way of support for public schools at this time.
2. To exchange experience and plans as to how this concern is appropriately expressed by the churches at local, state, and national levels.
3. To consider how our churches wish the public schools to deal with religion.

A communication in our files from Dr. R. L. Hunt, chairman of the Committee on Religion and Public Education of the Division of Christian Education, gives further details about the conference in which the Board will be interested. The Board will need to decide whether it wants to become officially related to this conference, and if so, it will need to name the persons it should like to invite to participate and to see that sufficient funds are provided to help to underwrite the expenses of the conference.

Garrett Fund. Our Board is familiar with the fact that we have been receiving money over a period of years from the Anna Amelia Garrett Memorial Fund which is designated for the use of theological students

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who are willing to sign a rather elaborate and detailed doctrinal statement. Since some items in this statement have met with understandable objection on the part of our people, we have never been able conscientiously to make any expenditures from this fund which now totals \$5,001.81.

The Boards of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the USA, the Northern Baptist Convention, and the Methodist Church are participants with our Board in this trust fund. As a result of questions raised with representatives of these three agencies, an effort is now being made to have all four Boards jointly petition the Court to have the terms of the Garrett Memorial Fund changed. This matter is referred to the Board for its consideration and action.

Bible Club Movement. An organization known as the Bible Club Movement has its official headquarters in the Schaff Building. From time to time we receive inquiries from our constituents in various parts of the country regarding this organization. In view of the fact that it is housed in a building which is officially a property of our Church, some of our people are inclined to associate its activities with our Church. Recently I received from a minister of the Congregational Christian Churches, who was formerly one of our pastors, a copy of the doctrinal statement of the Bible Club Movement which I shall make available to our Board members at the Annual Meeting. I am also informed that the methods used by this organization in promoting its program are quite at variance with what are considered generally desirable by Christian educators.

The question I should like to raise with the Board is this: Is it proper, in view of the questions that have been raised with us from time to time by our people, to inquire of the Schaff-Heidelberg Corporation whether it is fitting to have housed in one of the official headquarters of our denomination an organization which in its theology and program is not in harmony with the things for which our denomination stands?

#### A Word of Appreciation

I take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to Board members, to staff colleagues and to fellow workers in our offices who have so generously given of their time, abilities and energy in connection with the work we have been called upon to do. With each passing year I become more aware of the genuine Christian spirit which motivates all our workers. It is my sincere hope and prayer that this spirit may continue to grow among us and that God may cause His blessing to rest upon us as we work together at our tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

F. I. SHEEDER



# IMPORTANT NEWS



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Since 1934 we at Eden have been acting as agents for the Board of Christian Education and Publication in receiving orders for church school lesson materials, magazines and periodicals for the Western section of our Church. Now a new centralized system of handling your orders has been evolved which will result in increased economy and efficiency. By mutual agreement with the Board of Christian Education and Publication this system will be put into operation with the fall quarter, October-December, 1955. We ask your whole-hearted cooperation by asking you to read and be governed by the following.

1. All orders for Church and Home Series, and International Uniform Lesson materials, periodicals, and story papers, published by the Board of Christian Education and Publication, should be sent directly to the Board offices, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia. (This applies to orders for the fall quarter, October-December, 1955, and thereafter. Orders for October-December, 1955, should be in the Philadelphia office on or before June 20, 1955).
  - A. Records of all continuous and yearly orders have been transferred to the Board of Christian Education and Publication.
  - B. The Board will also receive your orders for Sunday School literature published by other companies, e.g., David C. Cook, Standard Publishing, etc., as we have in the past.
2. Send all requests for changes in your continuous and yearly orders to the Philadelphia office of the Board.
3. If you are accustomed to ordering your church school materials each quarter, please send your order for the fall quarter to the Board on or before June 20, 1955. The Board will send you order blanks at the appropriate time each quarter.
4. Please pay to us all the bills sent to you *by us*. Hereafter the Board will bill you direct for all materials ordered from it.

If you will follow the above instructions, the change will be easily made. We shall continue to print the Uniform Lesson materials for the Board and will mail them from our shipping room as directed by the Board of Christian Education and Publication. We shall also continue to print for the Board the biweekly magazine YOUTH, which is increasing rapidly in circulation. We urge those of you who are not providing this excellent magazine for your young people to do so.

We have greatly appreciated your cooperation and patronage in the past, and we hope you will continue to send your orders to us for religious books, seasonal supplies and such other materials for your individual use or your church life which you have been accustomed to purchase from us. We shall continue to send you our catalogue, which lists the materials we are prepared to furnish to our people. THE MESSENGER also carries from time to time announcements of special items of interest which may be purchased from us.

With best wishes to you in your work, we remain,

Sincerely yours,

EDEN PUBLISHING HOUSE

*Wm. R. Pelster*

WILLIAM R. PELSTER, Manager

April 1, 1955

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. (a) That the Reverend William E. Wimer be appointed to the post of director of adult work and family life beginning October 1, 1955.  
  
(b) That Miss Lael A. Henderson be appointed editor of junior high publications to succeed Miss Marie R. Remmel.  
  
(c) That the employment of Miss Helen E. Groninger be on an experimental basis for one year be confirmed.
2. Appropriate \$20,000.00 from periodical income to finance the Curriculum Development Program in 1955.
3. Take action on the 1955 education department budget in the amount of \$281,837.02.
4. Indicate how the \$10,000.00 received from the Board of Business Management is to be disposed of.
5. Give consideration to the request of the Study Committee of General Council with respect to a self-study of the boards and agencies of the Church.
6. Give consideration to the possibility of planning for the Sixth National Conference on Christian Education.
7. Give consideration to the possibility of our Board's participation in a proposed National Conference on Religion and Public Education in St. Louis, Mo., November 6-8, 1955.
8. Take appropriate action regarding the proposed joint legal procedure in connection with the Garrett Memorial Fund.
9. Consider what, if anything, should be done officially about the Bible Club Movement which has its headquarters in the Schaff Building.



## DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S WORK

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

This statement appeared in a set of figures gathered together by the National Council in the 1955 fact folder: "The high birth rate has continued for several consecutive years. Increased enrollments of younger children in the Sunday church school and vacation church school do not constitute a temporary boom but instead, should continue to rise steadily in future years." In the Department of Children's Work this has been very evident through the increased activity in correspondence, requests from local churches and demands from the field for assistance in major items of leadership training.

The most important part of our activities fall into four main areas:

- I. At Work with the National Cabinet of Synodical Children's Workers.
- II. At Work with Other Departments of the Board of Christian Education.
- III. At Work Interdenominationally.
- IV. At Work within the Department Itself.

### I. AT WORK WITH THE NATIONAL CABINET OF SYNODICAL CHILDREN'S WORKERS

The annual meeting of the National Cabinet was held at Amherst, Ohio, November 12-14, 1954. The 54-page mimeographed copy of the minutes of that particular meeting carries a "volume" of ideas that are in the process of being set into action, or are already in motion. One of the major items considered at this annual meeting was the plans for the 1955 and 1956 workshops.

#### → Workshops

The beginning of the workshop idea is rooted back several years. The purpose of these workshops is to help leaders --

1. Increase their understanding of the Bible and deepen their Christian commitment.
2. Learn how to teach by observing and evaluating a demonstration class in which a teacher works with children.
3. Find some answers to local church problems in the church's work with children.

Three very successful workshops were held in Houston, Texas; Webster Groves, Missouri; and Elmhurst, Illinois during the summer of 1954. These three workshops were discussed at the annual Cabinet meeting, the program for them evaluated and suggestions and recommendations recorded for the 1955 set-up.

This is a brief summary of what happened in the 1954 workshops:

- 210 delegates attended the three workshops.
- The daily schedule included observation classes in a local church vacation church school set-up; evaluation time with the demonstration teacher; Bible study; afternoon interest groups; morning and evening worship periods with special evening features.
- The representatives at these workshops were pastors, church school teachers and parents of the local church.
- An avalanche of requests for follow-up programs in conveniently located centers make it imperative that a follow-up program be planned for the 1955-56 workshop groups.
- Publicity for these workshops consisted of a mailing once a month starting with January, through the month of May, to all pastors, superintendents and children's division leaders of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It was through this method that interest was stimulated, information was dispensed and registrations were finally gathered.
- The Synodical Children's Workers of the synods involved in the 1954 workshops are to be commended for the admirable piece of work that they did in informing people of their synods about the training opportunities available to them in the summer of 1954.

Needless to say, the plans above indicate a tremendous expenditure on the part of the Board of Christian Education, providing the staff for three workshops, assembling the materials necessary for those workshops, and underwriting the publicity that was essential so that the workshop idea would permeate throughout the synod. It was a tremendous strain on the budget that had been set aside for the 1954 workshops. Many unforeseen things added to distress in this area. Consequently, the budget asked for this kind of activity was very inadequate.

The summer of 1955 will bring four more such opportunities to other synods who have not yet participated in the workshop idea. There will be four "how-to-teach" workshops at Yankton, North Dakota; Tiffin, Ohio; Collegeville, Pennsylvania; and Woodstock, Virginia.

In 1956 the remaining synods will be served through three workshops. The place of meeting for these particular groups has not yet been determined but the synods included in this planning will be Pittsburgh, West New York, Central Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Michigan-Indiana, South Indiana, California and Pacific Northwest.

In the light of the experience of the 1954 workshops, we are asking the Board to reconsider the budget item for the workshops in 1955 and 1956.



## IT HAPPENED AT THE WORKSHOP

### A Minister and His Wife Report — Rev. and Mrs. C. Gene Kuehl

August 25, 1954. "Last night our two churches had their workers' conference together. We opened the meeting with a short devotional and then showed the film 'For Every Child.' and discussed the curriculum. All but three of the fifty present favored trying the Church and Home curriculum. Then came the task of changing the grouping and dealing with some individual difficulties, like where to put Suzie who won't have her twelfth birthday until November. What about Dennis who is a year ahead in school and thinks he should be in the senior high? And there was Judy who didn't want to be separated from Cynthia. You see we are beginning to get into the swing of things — problems and all.

October 11, 1954. "When we decided to go into this new material, naturally we needed the equipment that goes with it, especially in the younger grades. What a wonderfully cooperative group of young adults we have here in these churches. It would have done your heart good to be here for four or five nights during this past month!

"We have young adult fellowships in both churches, all of them with youngsters, and what a gang of youngsters! We asked the young adults to meet and have a work night to build equipment needed for our first three grades. What a work night! The first night we had nearly 15 couples out in the one church, all the men with their hammers, saws, nails, hinges, scrap lumber; and etc. The women dressed in blue jeans, ready and willing to work. The men sawed enough blocks to make two complete sets. The women sandpapered and shellacked them. The men built stoves, sinks, ice boxes, cabinets, beds, wonder boxes, etc. It really made me realize what a wonderful group of young adults we have. Then for three more nights they all came back and continued to build and paint. The further we got in our work, the more enthused, the more ideas they got. You should see our equipment! It is amazing that we could have it all so soon. And ours is good equipment too. The men really took pains to make it to scale, to make it solid. So we are all rather proud of this thing we have done for our church.



The fact that all the teachers of our two churches have been so willing to cooperate in this new thing which is very unfamiliar to them has been a revelation to me also. The two groups of teachers in the Franklin and the Primrose churches have come together for their meetings. After our worship and our general introduction, we break into various departments and talk things over. That way they can exchange any ideas which they have; get new ones if they need them and we are finding that as they talk over their lessons and their problems it is much easier when you have another person's viewpoint to consider and



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not just your own.

"I am rambling on. Sorry! It's just that the enthusiasm and willingness to make this thing work on the part of our teachers and our young adults has taken hold of me and I too am very enthused.

His wife continues: "I feel I could write you a book. Sort of like I am bubbling over. I would like to tell you some of the remarks that we heard after the first Sunday with the new materials. Our junior teacher said, 'I have never seen an hour go by so fast in all my years of teaching.' A primary teacher who had been at Elmhurst Workshop said, 'Just look at all those questions that came out of our talking.' The children had taken an airplane trip to Palestine. She added 'There's enough right here to keep us busy for the whole quarter.'



"The nursery teachers were the most thrilled. They meet in the basement kitchen, small but nice. Before they had a big table that took up almost the whole room and a sand table. Now they have two small tables, a worship center, shelves, blocks and all of their kitchen equipment. 'I wish you could have seen Leon and Sharon,' said the teacher, 'when they said their prayers at the little table. It almost made tears come to my eyes.'

"The prize remark came from our children's division leader. 'I wish you could have been a little mouse, Micki. It was just like Christmas for the youngsters! At first I didn't think this was so good, but the more I think of it the better it sounds.' We were all truly making the effort to get down to the level of the children and to teach them where they are. This takes a real love and concern on the teacher's part and the joyousness

of the children was a reaction to that love and concern. I think Christmas is just the right word to describe our first morning."

December 15, 1954. You ask, 'has attendance at a Children's Workers' Workshop helped your churches in any way?' I would say a firm YES. The experience which my wife and I received as teachers in three workshops last summer has been invaluable aid to us and equally important is the fact that the two churches sent four delegates to the Elmhurst Workshop. Literally they came back loaded with ideas. Ideas which they are putting into effect each Sunday as they teach. They have been willing to share their ideas with other





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teachers and those teachers who could not go to the workshop have been more than willing to accept these ideas. The Workshop has helped us tremendously in our approach to the Church and Home material, in our use of the equipment and the teaching techniques, but we must commend equally the teachers who not going to the workshop have shown a readiness which has been heart warming and thrilling.

"If your church has a chance to send a delegate to a workshop, by all means so do. The experience is invaluable in the effect it will have on your church school, its teaching techniques and the enthusiasm of your entire staff. As a result of our workshop experience we now have monthly workers' conferences, departmentalized individual class

procedures in worship. We have a children's division leader who assists each teacher as she needs assistance. We have equipment graded to the different age levels. Perhaps what is more important we have renewed interest, enthusiasm in the Sunday church school on the part of children, teachers and parents. Our churches are small rural churches, but we can help our youngsters grow toward a love of God in understanding His purpose for us in the birth of His Son Jesus. Let us all work together in helping to establish His Kingdom upon earth." — Quoted with permission.



"That one week at the workshop did more for me than all the leadership training conferences I have attended for the last ten years. I never knew how to use informal activities, guided play with nursery children. Now I'm convinced of its use and value."

—Mrs. H. G. Ende, New Orleans, La.

"The greatest thrill of the year was our Synod's Children's Workers' Workshop.

—Mrs. Fred Woelke, Synodical Children's Worker, Texas Synod





## → Children and the Church Audio Visual Kit

Again, this is an item that appeared several times before in the Cabinet minutes. However, this time the audio visual kit was complete and ready to be presented to the group. The presentation gave Synodical Children's Workers ideas in introducing the kits among local church people in their synods.

Mrs. Alice Goddard, director of Children's Work of the National Council of Churches of Christ, presented one of the filmstrips to the entire Cabinet at a time when approximately thirty parents of the Amherst Church could also be present. Her presentation did more than just introduce this new audio visual kit for workers in the local church. It helped us all see how to use a filmstrip with a large group of persons.

Later on in the meeting, each one of the National Cabinet members had an opportunity to see another of the filmstrips under the guidance of an age group specialist. All the members were then given an opportunity to work on ways of presenting these particular helps to teachers in their own synods. A turnover chart was developed to help them organize their step by step presentations. This was truly a leadership training course for those who would be using this kit to help teachers in the local church.

Suggestions that grew out of this audio visual presentation have been the directive to the Department in the production of a folder now in the planning stage for use in the local church. On one pamphlet there will be eight suggested uses for these filmstrips. The second piece of material developed has been in cooperation with the Women's Guild as this equipment has been written into a folder for use among women's groups.

A recommendation was made and a motion carried that the committee on Christian education of each synod be invited to purchase at least one kit for the Synodical Children's Worker and another kit for circulation within the synod. It was felt that the Synodical Children's Workers' kit should not be circulated within the synod lest the Synodical Children's Worker not have it when she needs it, and lest some of the filmstrips might be lost.

The kits are priced at \$49.50 but through the special offer of Mr. Rumpf of the Bureau of Audio Visual Aids, our Evangelical and Reformed Churches have had the privilege of purchasing this set for \$35.00. Evidently people of our denomination are taking advantage of this offer because we have been told that the Bureau of Audio Visual Aids has already sold their allotment and have had to order anew.

Through the Cabinet's effort of training in the use of this kit, many groups in local synods have picked up this source of material and are using it very effectively. There is still a great deal more to be done but the first set of audio visuals for children and the church has been successfully launched.



→ Briefs of Other Important Happenings at Amherst.

Six on-going committees were established. Activities for these committees are to be outlined more fully at the next executive committee meeting, since it was recommended that members of the executive committee should regularly serve as chairmen of these committees.

- Committee 1 - Children in the Church
- Committee 2 - Children in the Community
- Committee 3 - Through-the-Week Activities with Children
- Committee 4 - Christian Service and Mission Study
- Committee 5 - Church and Family Relationships for Christian Nurture
- Committee 6 - Leadership Education

Favorable action was taken that the executive committee should have at least two meetings per year so that they might give more thought to the responsibilities of the ongoing committees and have more time for their own preparation for these committee meetings.

Dr. Huber Klemme was present during one of our sessions as a consultant. He presented three areas of Christian Social Action which might form the basis for our common Christian witness. Mr. Klemme helped us see what could be done in the interest of children. We were indeed grateful for this direction and, as a result of this meeting, there are some interesting developments which will help us put "teeth" into our concerns.

The Synodical Children's Worker becomes a key person in activities throughout our denomination as she serves the people in the local church, as she helps at workshops, or sponsors synod meetings which are intended to develop leadership. Therefore it becomes imperative that leadership development features be made more available to everyone of the Cabinet members.

In light of this, the directors of the Department presented to the Cabinet members a challenge in extra curricular training programs. It was felt that every Synodical Children's Worker, in order to give the best possible service, needed at some time during the year, do a kind of activity that would help inform her about other areas of activity. This, it was thought, would be helpful both to the Cabinet and to the local synod because it would keep us as individuals more aware and better informed of how we can really speak in behalf of children wherever we are. The following opportunities were presented:

- Television Workshop, New York City
- Cincinnati Conference on Christian Education,  
National Council of Churches
- Commission on Social Action

- Conference on Christian Commitment sponsored by Commissions on Evangelism and Stewardship in Christian Social Action
- The Audio Visual Workshop of the National Council held at Green Lake, Wisconsin
- The Laboratory School held at Faribault, Minnesota

The response to this kind of leadership development program was gratifying. There will be at least two or three representatives from the Cabinet in each one of these areas. The willingness of the Cabinet members to do this "second mile" kind of training is indeed an encouraging item and gives a vivid picture of the persons we have working with us on the National Cabinet.

### → Mission Study for 1955

The mission study themes for the new year were discussed and information about the new missionary display kit, the new filmstrip, and the sharing project was presented.

Through the courtesy of Hedwig Schaeffer, Lela Wasser, Naomi Blalock and Bernice Buehler, we have been able to bring the contents of the India World Neighbor Kit direct from India. It contains dolls, winnowing basket, coin, beads the holy men wear, brass dishes - all in miniature size; wooden comb, prayer card, stamp and many other items. The price of this kit is \$4.50.

The filmstrip developed for this year's mission study is entitled "Anil of Tilda." It is a picture story about a boy in India. The colored pictures for this filmstrip were taken in Tilda by one of our missionaries, Dr. Theodore Feierabend. The filmstrip is available through the Bureau of Audio Visual Aids at a cost of \$1.50 to our own denomination; \$5.00 to others.

A third aid to this study of India was developed through a giving project known as the "Share a Book" project. This idea was started when Naomi Blalock saw the colorful, interesting books "Let's Go to Nazareth" at use in our churches at the time of her furlough five years ago. The poster is an attractive puzzle picture and when the puzzle is completed, will bring a total of five dollars per poster. The children have been encouraged to support this project so that children of India may share the same reading pleasures. The Board of International Missions informs us that there is already a total of approximately \$1700. collected toward this project.

### → Vacation Church Schools

"To be or not to be" was the problem with vacation church school kits. As they were discussed in Cabinet meeting, it became evident that the preparation of kits for each Synodical Children's Worker be discontinued. Instead, the suggestion arose that the bookstores and the



Department of Children's Work prepare nine kits which could be circulated among schools as they requested information for planning sessions. It was felt that the vacation church school kit was a good idea but did not get wide enough circulation through the Synodical Children's Workers and therefore did not fulfill the original purpose of the kit. When originally planned, it was thought these kits would bring to local churches a good selection of materials from which they would choose their curriculum for the school sessions. However, the time was too limited and the expense too great for the Synodical Children's Worker to handle this on her own, so for the coming year it was decided to enlist the cooperation of the bookstores and make an effort to circulate the nine kits to as many churches as possible. It was decided to publicize this idea through the vacation church school bulletin.

As is the usual custom of the Department, a bulletin was prepared for the specific purpose of bringing together pertinent information for the local church leaders as they plan a good summer program for children and youth of their community. This bulletin was prepared this year in mimeographed form. It was again a joint venture with the denominational bookstores and was circulated to all pastors, superintendents and children's division leaders.

The figures below pick up some pertinent statistics about vacation church schools in our denomination.

	<u>Denominational Schools</u>		<u>Interdenominational Schools</u>	
	<u>No. Churches</u>		<u>No. Churches</u>	
	<u>Participating</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Participating</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
1954	756	53,419	665	20,149
1953	<u>689</u>	<u>46,978</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>17,412</u>
Increase in 1954	67	6,441	64	2,737

## II. AT WORK WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

There have been many interesting developments and assignments with other staff members as opportunities arose to work on problems where we had a common concern and to accept challenges that are a part of the over-all work of the Board.

Perhaps the biggest item in this area is the time put on curriculum building. This entailed a tremendous amount of time and work as ideas were thought through for the 1963 production. It also means reading and evaluating the many manuscripts that reach our desks and requires a good deal of writing and experimentation in order that our future production will benefit from such a detailed study.

Other combined efforts include:

- Plans that are being projected for the 23rd International Sunday School Convention to be held in Cleveland.
- Presenting children's work to the seven volunteers at the Voluntary Training Center during the third week of February.
- Working on program for junior camps and day camps in collaboration with the Department of Camps and Conferences.
- Sponsoring a junior camp project which equipped a harvester with approximately \$1500. worth of equipment.
- Annual meeting of the Directors of Christian Education of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
- Promoting three day staff retreat at Fernbrook.
- Conferences sponsored by the combined efforts of Commissions.
- The laboratory school held in connection with the Family Camps at Dunkirk.

### III. AT WORK INTERDENOMINATIONALLY

Committee responsibilities carry us far afield. We are closely affiliated with the committee work being done by the Children's Section of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Helping with special studies conducted by the following groups became our assignments as the committee groups met:

- Special Committee on Juvenile Delinquency
- Protestant Committee on Scouting
- Church Related Agencies
- Vacation Church School Committee
- Audio Visual Committee
- Literature Committee
- Field Program Committee
- Missionary Education Movement
- Children's Committee of the World Council of Churches

Many interesting developments result as the above named committees function in the area of children's work. Space does not permit complete descriptions of activities in these groups. However, throughout the year there are constant reminders that these groups are at work in the interest of children. Articles that appear in popular magazines, efforts of structuring procedures and policies which will be beneficial to children everywhere bear evidence to committees at work. Helpful program ideas, efforts to work out problems facing specific groups and creating an awareness among the people of our churches are other tasks faced by



these committees. For example, the Children's Committee of the World Council of Christian Education has developed a giving project entitled "Stories of Jesus for Children Everywhere." Individual booklets may be sent at a cost of ten cents each, with a special rate of twelve for one dollar, to countries where boys and girls are in need of pictures and stories printed in their own language. These books have been printed in several different languages and are made available to all denominations for special distribution. So far we have contributed approximately \$300.

The Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association has on several occasions asked the Department for leadership in training conferences. We are also represented on a state council committee that is planning for an interdenominational laboratory school at Lancaster Seminary.

#### IV. AT WORK WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF

The many involvements talked about above form the nucleus of work within the Department. For example, any publications issued through the Department are the result of what happens in Cabinet meetings, or in committee meetings, or in the inter-staff activities. This past year we have been responsible for:

- the quarterly issue of the Child's Teacher
- a folder explaining the third and fourth grade materials for the curriculum
- a Church and Home leaflet which was prepared to help families, teachers and pastors see the vital areas of help for church and home cooperation available in the curriculum
- Vacation Church School bulletin
- Children's Day Service
- a folder of helpful aids for the successful use of the Children and the Church Audio Visuals
- a series of leaflets gathered together in portfolio, for three age groups -- kindergarten, primary and junior
- brochure for India Kit

Field schedule too, is very closely related to the ideas that have been initiated through Cabinet meeting and through cooperation with other groups. The year's calendar for both directors shows 1954 sessions in these synods:

Texas Synod - 1 week	Central Pennsylvania Synod - 2 days
Nebraska Synod - 1 week	New York Synod - 1 week
West New York Synod - 1 week	

We have been especially appreciative of the way the seminaries have cooperated in setting up training sessions in special areas of children's work --

Seminary demonstration class - one week

Vacation church school institutes - four days

Workshops on the Children and the Church Audio Visuals - one week

The director of the Department has been invited to follow through with the Pioneer Larger Parish planning sessions in Southeast Ohio.

Many requests for local church visits have been answered - this past year:

21 day visits and two - 3 day visits.

Add to the above the number of hours spent in committee meetings and the time devoted to curriculum study meetings, and it will become very evident that the office staff, Mary Roberts and Ruby Oliphant, have been indispensable persons in the last year. Correspondence can be answered on a disc but the amount of time it takes to follow through on all the instructions and to give out the copies of letters dictated is tremendous. For the expert follow-up and the detailed consideration given to this part of our work, we are forever grateful to Mary and Ruby for carrying on the business of the office when both directors are continually involved in a program beyond our four walls. Words, I am sure, cannot express our appreciation but we know that without them, the work of the Department would be sadly amiss.

The part-time arrangement with Irene as she completed her work at Union Seminary started with the first of September and ended with the completion of the semester's work on January 30. At this point, Irene wants to say a very special word of thanks for having been granted this kind of a part-time arrangement. "I am indeed very happy to have completed my work for my Master's in Christian education. It was a rare privilege to be at Union during the time when the Evanston meeting brought so many great personalities to the campus. The value of the semester's work was not alone in what came out of the class sessions, but in the contacts that were made possible through seminars with some of these great world leaders in the Christian Church today. I came away from this experience, knowing how much more I must study and work to make myself presentable for the type of work I am doing. However, my deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to the Board for making this possible."

A special word of thanks to Grace Eldridge, Dorothy Mickley, Jeanne Laros and Miriam Dobbins for the times when they willingly cooperate with the Department in getting out "rush" items for workshops, curriculum, National Cabinet meetings, and the like. The help of persons like these has made it possible for us to meet the growing, expanding demands upon the Department of Children's Work.

The directors of Children's Work, in conclusion, wish to express to the Board their thanks for the opportunity they have had in the past year to serve the church at large through their Department.

Respectfully submitted,

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IRENE BALLIET, Associate Director of Children's Work



## THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH WORK

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

From another year of varied experiences, somehow we get the impression that there is much room for improvement in the realm of youth work in our churches. Some of the more obvious evidences are these:

- our churches do not hold the teen-age young people
- our young people are not firm in their convictions
- the youth program is usually a hit-and-miss affair
- we lack consecrated adult advisers
- many of our pastors are uncooperative
- but mostly, we do not touch and change these youthful lives

Without letting the frustrations block our progress, we keep pushing our way from established patterns into new and more venturesome ways. This report reflects some of these efforts.

### 1. The National Council Meeting 1954

The Third Biennial National Council Meeting of the Youth Fellowship was held on the campus of Cedar Crest College at Allentown, Pennsylvania, August 30 to September 4, 1954 with 80 official youth delegates from 33 synods of the church, together with officers, adult advisers, fraternal delegates and staff.

The major accomplishment of this meeting was the adoption of the Dedicated Dollars program. But probably of more value was the inter-change of ideas and inspiration by these youth leaders as they met in the ten small groups which characterized this year's meeting. Called "cube-groups" to indicate the three-dimensional nature of a Christian fellowship, these units maintained their membership throughout the week, in Bible study, business sessions and in family councils at night.

Officers elected for the 1954-56 biennium were:

- |                |   |                                    |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| President      | - | Lavon Burrichter, New Albin, Iowa  |
| Vice-president | - | Roderick Wagner, Williamsport, Md. |
| Secretary      | - | Patricia Crockett, Buffalo, N. Y.  |
| Treasurer      | - | John Faulstich, Hammond, Indiana   |

Faith Chairman	Harvey Kandler, Chilton, Wis.
Action Chairman	Beth Derr, Philadelphia, Pa.
Fellowship Chairman	Mary Jane Rowan, Forest Park, Ill.

A major feature of the National Council meeting was the evening of September 1, devoted to a special Workshop-Rally, to which young people from the six neighboring synods were invited. Fully 600 persons filled the auditorium to hear Dr. F. I. Sheeder give the major address of the evening, hear the thirty-five voice National Council choir, and participate in sixteen workshop sections.

## 2. Dedicated Dollars

The significance of adopting the Dedicated Dollars program is the knowledge that in this effort, the young people of the church will grasp anew the total workings of the denomination, as well as some valid concepts of stewardship. Dedicated Dollars denies the traditional "special projects" and "designated gifts" approach. By lifting up special areas of the work of the Boards of National Missions, International Missions, Christian Education, and Com. on World Service each quarter, and suggesting some money-giving technique four times in the year, the plan accomplishes two immediate aims: increasing money-gifts, and stimulating study of the work of the church.

Starting with the Lenten self-denial envelopes in February 1955, with a study of two aspects of World Service, the plan has received better-than-expected response in the first quarter's activity. We hope to have a satisfying report in future years, comparable to that of Christ's Workday.

## 3. Christ's Workday and Affiliations

While statistical figures measure coldly the dollars received, we are confident that Christ's Workday is effectively teaching missions, evangelism, service, public relations, worship, and fellowship in one major effort on a given Saturday. Where the earnings of previous years were distributed by designation to the several projects of the National Youth Fellowship, fully 80% of the 1954-55 earnings were marked for the Building Fund of the Voluntary Service Training Center. The record of Christ's Workday is as follows:

1951-52 - 172 groups reported earnings of \$ 5,396.16
1952-53 - 286 groups reported earnings of \$10,011.85
1953-54 - 410 groups reported earnings of \$15,363.40
1954-55 - 382 groups reported earnings of \$15,126.08
(as of 2-25-55)



The quotas for affiliation set by the 1952 National Council are still used to measure and encourage local Youth Fellowship groups to pay \$5.00 and submit reports each year. This is the record:

1952-53 - 20% of number of churches, quota 554: 482 affiliated  
 1953-54 - 25% of number of churches, quota 687: 516 affiliated  
 1954-55 - 30% of number of churches, quota 823: 528 affiliated

(as of 2-25-55)

#### 4. Synodical Activities

We rely to a great extent on the active functioning of synodical youth cabinets to interpret and promote the youth program within their synods. Most of our synods are alert at this point, though several have their periods of low activity. Of the seven synods we mentioned last year as not having had an organized synod cabinet, we can now mention that Potomac Synod is officially organized. Activity and interest are shown in Texas, California, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, and New York Synods. Only Dakota Synod is still operating independently of the National Youth Fellowship program.

High activity when measured by affiliation quotas and/or Christ's Workday reports, includes these synods: Iowa, Kansas City, Michigan-Indiana, Nebraska, North Illinois, Northwest Ohio, Southern, South Illinois, South Indiana, and Southwest Ohio.

Eighteen synodical cabinets publish periodic newsletters of some kind, and maintain regular mailings to youth groups within their synods. The list of rallies, conferences, retreats, workshops, convocations, institutes and other gatherings by synods and regions gives encouragement to a more effective youth program.

#### 5. The Recreational Laboratory

The first major attempt to provide a workshop-laboratory experience in recreational leadership for young people was held at Camp Mensch Mill, August 8 to 14, 1954. Though original plans called for an expected group of 50 or more persons, 25 young persons and four counselors from 9 synods, together with a staff of six leaders shared a worthwhile experience.

Working in the realms of all types and kinds (in addition to actual use) of games, songs, crafts, resources, story-telling, and

folk dances, the young people also learned the philosophy of church recreation and good public relations.

The 1955 Recreational Laboratory will be held at Merom Institute, near Terre Haute, Indiana, June 26 to July 2. The basic staff from the 1954 Mensch Mill group will give leadership at Merom: Rev. Ed. Schlingman, Rev. Richard Bishop, Rev. Elden Ehrhart, and Rev. Paul Scheirer. This activity is under sponsorship of the Commission of Christian Fellowship of the Youth Fellowship.

#### 6. Conference for Synodical Youth Presidents and Advisers

Another new experience in the youth program was a major conference calling together 25 youth representatives and 27 adult persons representing 28 synodical youth cabinets to Trinity Church, Akron, Ohio, on December 28 and 29, 1954. Using group work techniques, the delegates worked their way through to a fresh understanding of youth work, particularly as it affected the local church. Strategy and resources were reviewed, and new plans with new vision laid. Probably the most valuable insight came with the realization that much work needs to be done to aid local churches in reaching their young people. That this was the responsibility of the synodical youth cabinet, with the support of the Department of Youth Work, was established anew.

#### 7. Conferences for Adult Leaders of Youth

In an effort to stimulate the training of adult leaders and church school teachers of young people in the local churches, the two youth directors made themselves available to Synodical Committees on Christian Education to conduct a training conference for adult leaders of young people. Two stipulations were made: that six hours be provided for this purpose, and that at least 25 adults at each age level (junior high and senior high, separately) be assembled.

In the twelve-month period to February 1955, such conferences were held within eight synods: South Indiana, South Illinois, Southwest Ohio, Missouri Valley, West New York, Michigan-Indiana, South Wisconsin, and North Illinois.

Another opportunity of reaching the adults of the church was made possible by the invitation of the Women's Guild to make major presentations to their six summer conferences in 1954 and 1955. Accordingly, the two directors divided the responsibilities for presentations at three conferences in 1954, and anticipate three more in 1955.



## 8. Youth Evangelism

St. John's Church of Columbus, Ohio, listed 120 prospects, all of them were inactive but confirmed young people. St. Paul's Church of Columbus had 70 prospects, both inactive and unchurched young people related to it. David's Church at nearby Canal Winchester, and the Hungarian Church of Columbus also prepared prospect lists for youth visitors to contact in a weekend Youth Evangelism program, February 25-27, 1955. The impetus was the big Methodist Evangelism program which brought in over 1,000 young people and their leaders from across the nation and the state to Columbus. With the cooperation of our four Columbus churches, the four Ohio Synods, the National Faith Commission, and especially the office of our Commission on Evangelism, a concentrated youth evangelism program was attempted.

Though complete returns are not available, we can report that the visitation program was gratifying, that it proved that our denomination should move into this field more aggressively, that the young people involved gained much by the experience, and that more exploration is in order.

## 9. National Youth Caravans

Eight traveling caravan teams of four persons each again fanned out into the synods of our church, working this time in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, Alabama, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. In addition, stay-put caravans returned to Caroline Mission, Fellowship Center, Shannondale, Ellis Community Center, and a special assignment was given to a team to work in Wyeville, Wisconsin at the old mission and in Cherryland.

Fifty-eight persons representing five denominations and three races were involved. Kikuko Ono, formerly a student at Miyagi College in Japan, and Celina Zamora, a teacher at Picalqui, Ecuador, made especially fine contributions. Each year the young people who participate, and often their parents report enthusiastically about the richness of this kind of volunteer experience.

More and more synodically cabinets are sending out weekend teams, now called synovans to do a similar program. As yet, no noticeable affect on the summer program is noted.

## 10. Junior High Work

The recommendation that every local church handle its junior highs as a separate part of the youth program, is being taken seriously by more and more churches. A great deal more remains

to be done to help leaders understand the need for this division of ages within the youth field. We look forward to the time when there will be a person on every Synodical Committee of Christian Education with special responsibility for junior high work. This newer philosophy could be disseminated more quickly were such a plan at work now.

#### 11. Youth Representation within the Church

Following the practice of the past few years, the Youth Fellowship sent youth observers to the annual meetings of the major Boards and Commissions of the church this past year. These youth representatives are assigned to their Boards or Commissions from their respective Commissions on Christian Faith or Christian Action, and usually carry their responsibilities for two years.

Beth Derr	-Board of National Missions
Helen Lockard	-Board of International Missions
Mark Friedley	-Board of Christian Education and Publication
William Palmer	-Commission on World Service
Lee Lawhead	-Commission on Christian Social Action
Harvey Kandler	-Commission on Stewardship
Gus Kuether	-Commission on Evangelism

In addition, Richard Roetz was sent to the Conference on the Christian Laymen and His Work at Heidelberg College in June, 1954, while Lee Lawhead, Harvey Kandler, Lavon Burrichter, and John Faulstich attended the Conference on Christian Commitment and Christian Community at Cincinnati, February, 1955.

Miss Lavon Burrichter of New Albin, Iowa, as president of the National Youth Fellowship will be present at the 1955 meeting of the Board of Christian Education and Publication.

#### 12. Our Youth in the Ecumenical World

The Evangelical and Reformed Church was honored by having Lavon Burrichter chosen as one of 19 youth consultants to the Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches. In addition, we sent Celina Zamora of Ecuador, Barbara Dunn of Lancaster, Pa., and Eileen Dressel of St. Louis to serve as Youth Stewards during the busy sessions in August of 1954. All four young people shared in the one week pre-assembly briefing at Lake Forest College.

Robert Schwitzgebel was a "corresponding youth delegate" to the General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System, which met at Princeton University previous to the Evanston assembly.



Our delegation to the annual General Council meeting of the United Christian Youth Movement included Barbara Hofmeister, Marie Peren, Lester Weiner, Richard Banzhaf, and Rev. George Hohmann. We are pleased to report that Donald Flick completed his term as chairman of the UCYM's Commission on Christian Fellowship at this meeting, while Barbara Hofmeister was elected as the new 1954-55 chairman for the UCYM's Commission on Christian Outreach.

By special invitation, we were represented at the National Council meetings of two other denominations. Betty Noah attended the meeting of Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches at Yale University, and John Faulstich attended the meeting of Westminster Fellowship of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., at the University of Illinois.

### 13. Youth Sunday

On the theme, "One Fellowship in Christ," Youth Week in 1955 was observed, starting with Youth Sunday on January 30, 1955. Unlike previous years, we used the pages of the Church School Worker for listing the suggested worship service, and the leader's guidance material. We asked that ministers use the denominational weekly bulletin which featured the appropriate Youth Week emphasis. By so doing, we reduced the tremendous burden of doing the necessary paper work to fill orders and requests. We are convinced that increasingly more churches are observing Youth Sunday in our denomination, with satisfactory results.

### 14. Program Materials and Publications

The basic program resource books for evening Youth Fellowship meetings are the Youth Fellowship Kit and the Junior-Hi Kit, published by the Westminster Press. People from our staff sit in on the planning and the reviewing of manuscripts of both Kits. We continue to push their use, even though we hear the usual complaints from folks who refuse to give adequate time for preparation and expect easy-to-read topic material. We are convinced that the Kit material, like all other resource material, is effective only when properly used.

Comparative figures of sales show:

	<u>Y.F. Kit</u>	<u>Junior-Hi Kit</u>
1950-51	476	428
1951-52	516	374
1952-53	593	439
1953-54	667	482
1954-55	743	550 (6 months)

For groups which meet monthly, and claim that the Kits are beyond their use, we suggest the series of Youth Fellowship Programs published by Pilgrim Press. There are six books in this series, each book having been released every six months since 1952. Our sales of these books are:

1952-53	<u>Everyday Christians</u>	58	
1953-54	<u>Faith in Action</u>	49	
1954-55	<u>Living Our Religion</u>	23	(6 months)

We have had three issues of Your Youth Program to reach the total church with a basic "free" piece. These were:

- No. 1 "Working with Youth in Your Church" -April 1954
- No. 2 "An Adult Adviser Views His Task" -July 1954
- No. 3 "National Youth Council Speaks to You" -November 1954

Inserts carry the latest hints and suggestions of new material and significant events in both the youth and student program.

The National Council MEMO continues its monthly release of latest news and exhortations, to a limited mailing list of key youth and adult leaders, as well as to the three seminaries of the denomination.

The annual Confirmation Reunion Service for 1955 was printed in the February 1955 issue of Church School Worker, with reprints available. Rev. Richard E. Wentz wrote this year's service, entitled "The Entrance of the Searching Spirit."

The 1955 Lenten Devotions for Young People were again made available to our church. A supply of 6,000 copies were bought from Pilgrim Press, to sell at 5¢ per copy.

The Youth Fellowship Handbook (Revised 1953) is still our standard piece for youth leaders. However, as our stock will probably be exhausted this summer, the 1954 National Council authorized the publishing of a new Handbook. At the present time writers are commissioned to write the four sections:

- Organizational section - Barry Kern
- Faith section - Rev. Francis X Pirazzini
- Action section - Mr. & Mrs. Carl Bade
- Fellowship section - Rev. Robert Jacobs

We anticipate the new Handbook to be available early in 1956.

A filmstrip in color entitled I Work with Junior Highs was placed on sale this spring (\$3.00 each within our denomination) to provide guidance for adult leaders in the local church. Written by Ethel Shellenberger with Gladys Jackson (formerly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.) as consultant, the filmstrip is produced and



distributed by our Bureau of Audio-Visual Aids.

The fantastic sales of the paper-bound pocket size edition of I Believe by Nevin Harner was encouraged by a special church-wide use as a Faith Commission emphasis for the use of this helpful book in the month of January 1955. We do not have any indication of the extent of its use in this instance.

#### 15. The Youth Associate

Continuing the excellent record of three previous Youth Associates, Don Flick is touring the country this 1954-55 year, and is making significant impacts by his personal visits with ministers, advisers, youth leaders and young people at the local church level. Staying two weeks within a synod, and striving to reach as many ministers and youth groups as possible, Don is generally appalled at the ineffectiveness of the youth program. He is therefore more aggressive in insisting on a stronger organization, the use of better material, and the stimulation of youth leaders. In the fall months of 1954, Don covered the following synods: South Wisconsin, North Wisconsin, Northern, Rocky Mountain, Nebraska, and Texas. He took a week-end trip to attend a retreat of Pacific Northwest Synod.

In the winter and spring months of 1955, he will have covered these synods: Southeast Ohio, Magyar, Lehigh, Susquehanna, New York, East Pennsylvania, Mercersburg, Potomac, and Southern. With the exception of one synod, all these named above were not touched by Barry Kern, the 1953-54 Youth Associate.

We wish now to present the name of Miss Lavon Burrichter, to serve as our Youth Associate for the year commencing June 15, 1955. Her illustrious record with the Youth Fellowship program includes the presidency of the Youth Fellowship cabinets of her home church, St. John's of Newton, Iowa, of the Lincoln-Allaman Region, of Iowa Synod, and currently of the National Youth Council for 1954-56. She was one of the ten Youth Fellowship's "accredited visitors" to the 1953 General Council of the denomination at Heidelberg College. She served on the summer caravan program in 1952. She was a youth consultant to the Evanston World Council of Churches Assembly.

In private life, Lavon is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Emil Burrichter, presently of St. Peter's Church, New Albin, Iowa. She will graduate from Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa in June 1955, and anticipates further work in the realm of teaching or Christian Education. She is 22 years of age.

Our plans now call for sending Lavon to a given synod for three weeks, to serve one church two nights each. This will reduce the number of synods we can cover in one year, but will enhance the effectiveness of a visit, and give her time for more adequate preparation and rest. We indicated last year that we are eager to have

authority to place two Youth Associates in the field in a given year, and again place this matter before the Board. In so doing, we do not have a second candidate for the 1955-56 year, but wish to anticipate the time when we can approach two persons for a given year.

#### 16. Field Work by Youth Directors

The past twelve months called for the usual meetings, conferences, and miscellaneous field trips essential to the continuing outreach of the Youth Department. For Henry Tani, these indicate various contacts:

a. For the Board of Christian Education and Publication, and its Department of Youth Work: three Curriculum Conferences at Boston, various workshops for adult leaders of youth, camp directors' conference, two Women's Guild summer conferences, the South Bend Conference of Christian Education Chairmen, the Akron Conference for synodical youth leaders, a week at the Voluntary Training Service Center, and the three seminaries.

b. For the National Youth Fellowship: the meetings of the three Commissions, its National Cabinet, and the 1954 National Youth Council meeting at Cedar Crest College.

c. For interdenominational work: the meetings of the Committee on Youth Work at Chicago and Cincinnati, two weeks at the Senior High Experimental Conference at Camp Mensch Mill, one week at the meeting of the Senior High Objectives Committee, among others.

d. In addition, there were the usual one-night stands. The major item of interest is the West Coast trip (driving with family) which gave opportunity for contacts with churches, ministers, and young people in California, Oregon, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

For Ethel Shellenberger field responsibilities included the following assignments:

a. Curriculum meetings, scope writing, and other special related assignments involving about seven weeks of time.

b. A week of Christian Education Institute in Northern Synod.

c. One Women's Guild Summer Conference.

d. Three junior high leaders' workshops.

e. Camp Directors' Meeting and a two-week Regional Camp Training session, (interdenominational).



f. Director of Junior High Experimental Camp, at Camp Fernbrook.

g. Christian Action, Christian Fellowship Commission Meetings, Executive Committee, and National Youth Council.

h. Caravan training and round-ups (Tiffin, St. Louis, and Chicago).

i. Chesapeake Regional Youth Fellowship Rally, Akron Conference for Youth and Adult Leaders.

j. Conference of Christian Education Chairmen, South Bend, Indiana.

k. One week at Voluntary Training Service Center.

l. Miscellaneous assignments---Christian Education Conference at Mensch Mill, Youth Sunday talk, Lancaster Seminary, local church work with leaders of junior highs.

m. Interdenominational---two meetings of the Joint Commission of Missionary Education, two meetings of the Committee on Youth Work, Conference on Voluntary Youth Service.

## 17. Appreciation

To our colleagues on the staff and to our secretaries, Clara Utermohlen, Beryl Richardson, and Fern Ott, whose devoted service keeps the work in the Department of Youth Work on an even keel, we wish to express our deep appreciation.

Perhaps the greatest reward to be found in our work is the privilege of knowing the many fine young people whom we meet in the church across the country.

Finally, the Youth Director wishes to assure the members of the Board that he has recovered from his illness of April 1954, and aside from the six weeks enforced rest, he has been able to carry the responsibilities of the office at reduced speed and relaxed schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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## DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT WORK

## CARTOON CAPTIONS

In a recent issue of the World's Student Christian Federation Newsletter three cartoons appeared which offer insight into the situation one finds at colleges and universities around the world. The cartoon on the cover featured a picture of an ant (keeper of the university) and a grasshopper (scholar).

CAPTION: The Ant and the Grasshopper

"Is there room in the house for me and my arts?" asked the grasshopper.

"No," said the ant, "this is an institution for those who want to learn how to do things."

"But do you know why you are doing these things?"

"That is a question we don't bother about," replied the ant.

"Go away. I have no time to waste -- I have an anthill to build."

The second cartoon pictured a scientist, surrounded by his laboratory, engaged in some interesting "conversation."

CAPTION: Life -- Monologue or Dialogue?

"All that is real must be reducible to formulas," the scientist affirmed.

His ghost appeared and contradicted him: "But God refuses to be so reduced."

"Then He does not exist!" said the scientist. "I have given Him up as an illusion."

"Does your neighbour exist?" the ghost asked.

"Yes," said the scientist, "He is reducible to material, mental and social formulas."

"Then he does not exist as your neighbour," said the ghost.

"Go away. Even you do not exist. Why disturb my pleasant monologue?"

"Am I an illusion?" said the ghost. "If I am, why do you shout at me?"

In the third cartoon, one sees a recent graduate standing outside the entrance to the university. He appears puzzled as he looks up at a signpost which has directional signals pointing in several different ways, but, all of them are blank.

CAPTION: Just Out of the University

"They have trained me to walk fast, but where am I supposed to go?"

## DR. CHARLES SPOTTS

At the recent meeting of the National Advisory Council for Student Work, Charles Spotts outlined his conception of the missionary task which faces the church within the American communities of higher education. He spoke from his long years of experience as a Christian professor and a leader in the Student Christian Movement. During this college year, he has been serving as part-time minister to faculty as the E. and R. member of the staff of the Student Christian Movement in the Middle Atlantic Region. His remarks included the following:



1. We have a missionary responsibility to the two and one-half million students and their many faculty who are today engaged in the pursuit of higher education at American colleges and universities. This is a missionary responsibility to a pagan, domestic world which is committed to the cult of "objectivity", motivated by what "college can offer in terms of dollars and cents, jobs, etc."
2. This world must be challenged by the intellectual aspects of the Christian gospel, developing lay theologians in the campus communities.
3. We must provide experiences in which students and faculty can learn the ecumenical meaning of the gospel.
4. Ours is a mission on behalf of God's concern for all of society. Today, colleges and universities are in a unique position to supply an increasing percentage of leadership in all phases of life for a responsible society.

#### OUR ECUMENICAL OPPORTUNITY

As indicated in the 1955 Blue Book Report, we seem to be facing a new ecumenical situation on our campuses. The Evanston Assembly of the World Council of Churches has caused all of us who participate in cooperative Protestant work on the campuses to commit ourselves to "do all together which we are not forced to do separately because of conscience." If we really mean to commit ourselves and our agencies to what such an affirmation involves, the next twenty-five years may find the Student Christian Movement again in the forefront of united Christian experimentation, establishing ecumenical patterns which are totally new to our present church experience in America. It is the faith of many of us that the Gospel demands us to be faithful to our Lord's call to unity. The missionary opportunity in the university, within which we have been placed, demands that we must become one, in order that the world may believe that we represent the Christ whom God has sent into its midst.

While there is renewed concern for the unity of the church on the campus, we are also reminded to be aware of certain influences which attempt to rule our actions. We must beware lest we allow our enthusiasm for evangelism of the university to look to the campuses as "good hunting grounds for 'captives for churchianity'." Our zeal must grow out of a deeply rooted love for the university, grounded in the love which Christ has made manifest for all of his creation. We cannot allow the campuses to be places where our "individual axes" are ground in isolation from one another or from our Lord.

Our mission to the campus continues to concern itself through an "Evangelical and Reformed Ministry in Higher Education." To be sure we are concerned with students and faculty of our own church's membership, but, basically, we are called to participate responsibly to assist in the provision of a Christian ministry to the total university community, proclaiming and demonstrating the truth of God's love, judgment, and mercy for all members of that community. Our ministry has two facets: Pastoral - directing to persons all of the richness of our understanding of the pastoral responsibility of the church; Vocational - working within the communities on the campuses where students and faculty are called to serve God as scholars, seekers after truth, in preparation for continued responsible living as members of families, churches, and the larger communities. In the former, we may seem to be emphasizing training

in what has traditionally been termed "churchmanship." In the latter, we find ourselves engaged in helping members of the academic community to consider responsibilities and opportunities which are theirs, where God has placed them, calling them to a vocation as faculty and students, dedicated to the pursuit of truth and the understanding of life's meanings.

#### TODAY AND TOMORROW

While most of our efforts during the past year have been directed to immediate tasks, we have also been concerned with the consideration of the challenging future which lies ahead. Today there are 2,500,000 students in the United States. Of these, at least 20,000 are members of our E. and R. Church. By 1970, it is expected that these figures will have more than doubled. As a church, we are one of the "younger members" of those denominations which have systematic efforts to develop a ministry in higher education. It is true that our early heritage included a compelling interest in higher education - vis-a-vis our church colleges, seminaries and academies. We have continued to support these institutions. However, except for isolated instances, we have waited many years before making efforts to assume our share of responsibility for a ministry to the state-supported colleges and universities which have developed so rapidly during the last fifty years.

Under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Henderson L. V. Shinn, the National Advisory Council has continued to assist the Department of Student Work in executing immediate steps in our work, and in laying the groundwork for continued expansion of our efforts in the future. The reporting which follows reflects much of the collective wisdom and enthusiasm of the Council.

#### Relationships with the Congregational Christian Churches

Since the organization of the United Student Fellowship in 1948, we have continued to move closer together in our working relationships with the Congregational Christian Churches. In many ways we already have a united ministry in higher education. Dr. Bryant Drake, Secretary of the C. C. Department of Higher Education, participated in the recent meeting of the National Advisory Council for Student Work. Inasmuch as time, energy and financial resources permit, we seek to work unitedly.

#### Work In the Synods

Most of our synods are taking this ministry very seriously. Twenty seven synods have student work committees (or at least student work representatives). They are:

New York  
West New York

East Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia  
Susquehanna  
Lehigh  
Reading  
Lancaster  
Central Pennsylvania



Mercersburg  
Pittsburgh  
Potomac

Northeast Ohio  
Southeast Ohio  
Northwest Ohio  
Southwest Ohio

\* Southern

Michigan-Indiana  
South Indiana

North Wisconsin  
South Wisconsin

North Illinois  
South Illinois

Missouri Valley

Kansas City

Iowa

\* Northern

Synods grouped together indicate cooperative (joint or inter-synodical) committee arrangements. The asterisks (\*) indicate synods that are not giving money to local projects at this time. Twenty of these synods received increases from synodical apportionments at the Spring meetings of synods in 1954. Ten are expecting to request increases at the Spring meetings in 1955. The Department of Student Work budget includes grants in 1955 to twenty-two synods. We are negotiating with five others: Michigan-Indiana, South Indiana, North Wisconsin, South Wisconsin, and Northern.

Visits have been made to Texas and Nebraska, both of which are planning to present specific proposals at their Spring meetings.

Work in the four synods with the most scattered E. and R. population (Dakota, Rocky Mountain, Pacific Northwest, and California) was considered at the recent meeting of the National Advisory Council. The following suggests a beginning approach:

- Recruit home church Student Work Secretaries in as many congregations as possible;
- Negotiate through the national offices of other denominations, (Congregational Christian and Presbyterian U.S.A.) seeking to develop pastoral care of our E. and R. students through existing campus centers of these denominations. This may involve a token contribution to the budgets of the centers.
- Press for the development of inclusive ("Y" and church supported) Student Christian Movements, similar to those in which we participate in New York State and the Middle Atlantic Region.
- Plan to travel through the areas, meeting as many students and faculty as possible and contacting some of the college town churches (E. and R.) as well as members of the synodical com-

## mittees on Christian Education.

Most of these suggestions grew out of a discussion with representatives of these synods at the January meeting of Synodical Christian Education chairmen in South Bend.

### Financial Support through the Synods

It is our policy to make no national grants directly to any local or regional work unless it is made through, or at the request of, the proper synodical committee or representative. Financial support is given to two regional Student Christian Movements: the New York State SCM and the Middle Atlantic Region of the SCM - which includes Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D. C., and West Virginia.

Local projects which are supported by the E. and R. synodical committees (representatives), in most cases through cooperative committee efforts with the Congregational Christian Churches, are as follows:

#### New York

College for Teachers, Albany  
College for Teachers, Buffalo  
College for Teachers, Cortland  
College for Teachers, Fredonia  
Cornell University  
Queens College  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Skidmore College  
Syracuse University

#### New Jersey

Rutgers University

#### Pennsylvania

University of Pennsylvania  
Temple University  
Drexel Institute of Technology  
Pennsylvania State University  
University of Pittsburgh

#### Ohio

Bowling Green State University  
Kent State University  
Miami State University  
Ohio University at Athens  
Western Reserve  
Ohio State University, Columbus  
University of Cincinnati

#### Michigan

University of Michigan  
Michigan State University  
Wayne University  
Western Michigan University

#### Indiana

University of Indiana  
Purdue University  
Ball State Teachers College

#### Kentucky

University of Kentucky



Illinois

University of Illinois  
 University of Chicago  
 Elmhurst College (College town church)  
 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale  
 Western Illinois University, Macomb  
 Illinois Normal University, Normal

Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin  
 - also several college town churches, up state

Iowa

University of Iowa  
 Iowa State University, Ames  
 Drake University  
 State Teachers College, Cedar Falls

Missouri

University of Missouri  
 Washington University

The Student Department budget for 1955 includes \$14,000 for national grants, administered through synodical channels. Our best estimate indicates that an additional \$50,000 is raised through the synods.

At the recent meeting of the National Advisory Council, it was agreed again to recommend to the Board of Christian Education and Publication and the Commission on Higher Education that the same synodical (or inter-synodical) committee now concerned with our campus ministry program be asked to represent the interests of the Commission on Higher Education. Such a suggestion was approved by the Executive Committee of the Board of Christian Education and Publication in December, 1954, but action was postponed by the Commission on Higher Education at its meeting in January, 1955, until the next annual meeting of the Commission in 1956. Dr. Charles Spotts was asked by the Advisory Council to prepare a revised version of his original paper, outlining suggested responsibilities and procedures for such synodical committees. It will include a section outlining the need for close relationship (wherever possible as a sub-committee) to the synodical committees on Christian education. It is hoped that this paper will be ready for presentation to the Board at the annual meeting.

Work in the Home Churches

A year ago we began concerted efforts to recruit student work secretaries in the home congregations. By March 15th of this year, we had secured 117 secretaries who have responsibility for 1374 students. The 117 congregations thus enrolled are scattered throughout 27 synods.

We know that this is only a beginning. At the present time our office staff is working through the annual Christian education report blanks and listing all congregations which report students in their membership. A letter will be sent to all of these churches, urging them to participate in the program to minister to young people of the congregation: while they are considering "going to college"; when they are "attending college"; and when they return home "after college."

In our work with the home congregations, we urge them to include students at nursing and other professional schools.

The following recommendations were made at the meeting of the National Advisory Council:

1. That the Student Work Secretary brochure ("Their Future in College") be reprinted in another color, (with addition of another page to include a listing of our church-related colleges, fields of study therein, and a paragraph spelling out the purpose of our ministry to students and faculty) and that we ask the Women's Guild to include this in its material for Presidents and Christian Education Chairmen.

2. That the Student Work Secretary Bulletin (issued four times each college year) continue to provide resources to our local churches and that we ask specific persons working in this area to contribute articles describing good home-church projects with students, to provide a sharing of ideas among the churches.

3. That we ask the Department of Student Work to consult with the Director of Camps concerning the possibility of a seminar for Student Work Secretaries scheduled during our Leadership Training Schools - and the possibility of a course for college freshmen - to be included in our senior high camps - to deal with the Christian Faith and Higher Education.

4. That we encourage Synodical and Intersynodical Student Work Committees to invite a Student Work Secretary to their annual meetings, and that consideration be given to the possibility of a Student Work Secretary Workshop to be held nationally - in relation to our U.S.F. Assembly or the Fellowship of Campus Ministry.

5. That we ask the Department of Student Work to explore with the Department of Youth Work the possibility of including college counseling materials in Youth Fellowship program resources - to the end that the work of the Student Work Secretary and the Youth Fellowship Advisor may be coordinated and a more effective pre-college job be done with our high school students.

It is the hope of the Department of Student Work that a real advance in the program of home church Student Work Secretaries can be made in connection with the next National Conference on Christian Education.

#### The Ministry to our Campus Centers

We continue to provide resources and counsel to our campus centers, some of which are listed in this report. The Director of the Department of Student Work seeks to visit as many campuses as possible, to meet with student officers, local governing or advisory boards, talk with interested faculty, and counsel with staff representatives. The centers fall into four general classifications:

1. Large universities - At these campuses, our work is usually directed from a campus center (sometimes a converted house; in some instances - a chapel, and in others - an office housed in a centrally located building on the campus).

2. Smaller universities - These are schools with an enrollment of between 1,500 and 4,000 students, at which we work through united Protestant centers and staff.



3. College Town Churches - Many of these are located near small colleges, where we seek to enlist the congregation, its pastor, and several lay leaders in the church to assist in providing a ministry to students and faculty. This is another aspect of our work which needs special attention in the years ahead. At the moment, we have a committee of the Advisory Council working on a proposal for "student church membership" which may be applied at our own college town churches, but will also point the way for urging our students to participate in the churches of other denominations where advisable.

4. Our E. and R. church colleges - We have a cordial relationship with all of our colleges. Visits are planned regularly to these campuses as often as feasible. We rely heavily on help from the faculty of these colleges in our intercollegiate student and faculty Christian movements. Staff from several of these colleges attend our national workers conference sponsored by the Fellowship of Campus Ministry and meet in their own workshops to consider their particular concerns.

#### The Commission on Higher Education

On several occasions, our office has been able to assist the Commission on Higher Education in circulating materials to the churches. We stand ready to continue such services whenever possible.

Members of the Advisory Council are concerned that we seek to work more closely together, especially in our presentation of the cause of Christianity and Higher Education to the churches. We believe there is no conflict between the ultimate aims and purposes of our church colleges and our ministry on the non-church related campuses. However, we continue to face obstacles which must be hurdled again and again if we are to speak with a united voice. A recommendation appears at the end of this report, referred to earlier, suggesting one committee approach on the synodical level.

#### United Student Fellowship

The USF continues to work for more united, ecumenical, regional Student Christian Movements. In Ohio we are near what we hope may be agreement on the crucial steps necessary for developing an Ohio SCM. In other sections, our USF state and local officers are initiating conversations with other groups in the hope that we can move unitedly in the development of SCM's. There is no doubt that the regional services offered by the SCM's in the eastern section of the country need to be developed in other areas if we are to provide the kind of leadership and support which is so necessary for voluntary campus Christian fellowships.

The national USF executive committee is also making efforts to involve students across the country in the consideration of some of the real issues facing our two parent denominations in negotiating the merger in 1957. The National Student Assembly this Summer will be devoted largely to the consideration of the nature of the church and its implications for the merger. At least seven state or regional conferences have been held during this academic year concerned with the merger.

#### Faculty Christian Fellowship

Organization of the Faculty Christian Fellowship, as a related movement of the National Council of Churches, has offered the long needed "umbrella" for developing ecumenical fellowships of college professors.



Groups are springing up all across the country; most of them are no older than two years. In the Middle Atlantic Region, Dr. Charles Spotts has been serving as a part-time member of the staff of the Middle Atlantic SCM, his time devoted to work with faculty. This arrangement has been possible during the year's leave of absence from the SCM staff of the Rev. Miss Ann Blasberg for study at Yale Divinity School.

Dr. Spotts has contacted more than 170 E. and R. college faculty within the Middle Atlantic Region, part of his total listing of nearly 1,000. Reports of his work point up the great un-met needs which exist in this area of campus ministry. We are hoping that his year's work will lead to the publication of a book which presents some of the concerns of faculty who are interested in, and of others who need to be challenged to, their responsibility in their Christian vocation as professors.

#### United Student Christian Council

The United Student Christian Council is the coordinating agency of the student Christian movements (including our United Student Fellowship, the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., other church movements, etc.). The new executive secretary participated in the recent meeting of our Advisory Council. Our USF has increased its financial contribution, as has our Board, and we are now looking for two additional staff persons. One of these persons will direct a program of study and produce study materials for all the participating movements. The other staff member will have responsibility for Ecumenical Work Camps and Voluntary Service within the National Council of Churches, bringing this work into a closer relationship with student Christian movement life on our American campuses.

The Student Volunteer Movement is now an integral part of the United Student Christian Council. Its concern for enlisting young people in the cause of the World Mission of the Church is being dramatized at its Quadrennial Conference during the Christmas holidays of this year. They are anticipating 3,000 delegates, approximately half of whom will be Christian young people from overseas who are studying at American colleges and universities. It is our task to help recruit these delegates.

The United Student Christian Council has also initiated the first serious attempt to develop a program for a ministry to graduate students. This is the key group in the future of our academic life in America.

The USCC has also brought about the development of an institute for government and politics which is now ready to begin its work in the American political arena, providing opportunity for Christian students to prepare for Christian vocations in government and political service. We have long needed such a Protestant agency in our country.

It is our hope that the USCC may soon launch into the development of regional and local ecumenical committees or councils, which can bring students and faculty together to consider the nature of the unity of the church and get on with the ecumenical task of evangelism throughout academic life.



### Department of Campus Christian Life

What the USCC is to our student Christian movements, the Department of Campus Christian Life of the NCC is to our church and "Y" student work agencies. The Department assumes responsibility for developing united work at the smaller campuses and has recently charged a special committee to make an exhaustive survey of the needs for an ecumenical ministry to the campuses across the country. It is a well known fact that most of the resources of the churches and of the "Y's" are concentrated at the large, state-sponsored universities. We have done very little at the strategic state teacher colleges, even less at the professional and technical schools. Our municipal universities have been equally neglected.

It is through the Department of Campus Christian Life that the Faculty Christian Fellowship receives its administrative services. The freedom of the FCF has been guaranteed by the National Council of Churches, but continued support of the work has been promised. Several of the denominations have made one of their faculty members available, for limited periods of time, to work with the Faculty Christian Fellowship. We may wish to consider such a possibility in the near future.

### Support of the World Student Christian Federation

The United Student Fellowship has continued to increase its support of the World Student Christian Federation. Because of their enthusiasm, we have been fortunate to enjoy visits from Philippe Maury, General Secretary of the WSCF in Geneva, and Valdo Galland, Federation Secretary in Latin America.

Through negotiation with the Board of International Missions, that Board's annual contribution to the WSCF has been increased by about 15%. In addition to this increase, the Board has agreed to underwrite for the next three years, the entire expenses (salary, travel, etc.) for a full-time native SCM secretary in one of the provinces of India. This amounts to a contribution of \$750 annually.

In addition to supporting the World Student Christian Federation with a contribution of \$1,250, the United Student Fellowship agreed to raise \$850 for the fund being secured to procure a Protestant student center in the University community in Paris. There are more than 15,000 students from overseas studying in the Paris community and there is no Protestant ministry. Through negotiation with our Commission on World Service, an additional contribution of \$2,000 was earmarked by the Commission for this strategic center. The remainder of the \$10,000 needed is being sought through other student movements and church agencies.

### Overseas Students

The Congregational Christian Churches have recently started a new work among overseas students at American schools. We are studying their program and hope that we may be ready to suggest E. and R. procedure in the near future.

### Visitors to Campuses

During this year we have made several efforts to schedule persons for visits to campuses. Most successful has been the scheduling of

several laymen who participated in the Churchmen's Brotherhood conference on "The Christian and His Daily Work." We have received reports of real appreciation from the several campuses these men have visited and we are continuing to arrange additional visits. We are also negotiating with the Commission on World Service to secure the services of our E. and R. race relations secretary.

#### Student Work Associate

Paul H. Rahmeier, our student work associate for this year, has been doing an admirable job. He has stimulated many students to think deeply regarding their Christian faith and has been able to provide a much needed spark of enthusiasm as he has counseled with student officers. We hope that Paul may be able to give a brief oral report at the Board meeting.

We are searching for a person to serve as student work associate next year. We have several candidates and we may be ready to suggest a nomination by the time of the Board meeting.

#### Clinical Training

The approval for the establishment of scholarships for two clinical opportunities each year was given too late last year to recruit seminary seniors for the college year 1954-55. However, because of an emergency which developed when the Rev. Paul Bock (minister on the campus at Bowling Green State University in Ohio) was stricken with poliomyelitis, Otto Sommer, a senior at Eden Seminary, was prevailed upon to serve as Mr. Bock's assistant for the last two quarters of the current college year. Mr. Sommer attended the meeting of the Advisory Council and made some helpful suggestions which we shall consider as we seek to secure our two clinical trainees for next year.

To date, we have seven candidates from Eden and Lancaster seminaries. We are screening their references and hope to be able to nominate them at the Board meeting. We are convinced that this is one of the best ways to train our seminary students in preparation for their participation in our expanding ministry in higher education.

#### Publications

After meeting with Herluf Jensen, Executive Secretary of the United Student Christian Council, the Advisory Council recommended that the Department of Student Work do everything possible to further the cause of ecumenical, campus Christian publications. Wherever possible, we are to try to publish our materials cooperatively, under the sponsorship of the USCC.

We continue to be responsible for ENCOUNTER (circulation is now 18,000 - made available free to home churches for forwarding to their students and also sent in bulk to campus contacts - cost, approximately 1-1/4¢ per copy - a special freshman issue will be ready by June 1); RESOURCE (a packet of materials sent to campus officers and advisors, including college town pastors, four times yearly); MESSENGER (special student subscription rate of \$1.40 per college year - just beginning to be ordered on this basis by the churches).



We are eager to promote the CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR, the publication of the Department of Campus Christian Life of the NCC, directed to faculty and administrative officers of colleges and universities. We also recommend INTERCOLLEGIAN (Y.M.C.A.-Y.W.C.A.), MOTIVE (Methodist Student Movement) and the comparatively new FRONTIERS (Lutheran Student Association). We are continually trying to press for one ecumenical journal for students. Several of the other churches are equally interested and we may be nearer to achieving it than we think.

### Conferences

The conference schedule for the next twelve months is of notable significance. At such conferences many of our young people are assisted in making decisions which will serve to guide them throughout their lives.

For high school seniors -- Our senior high church camps offer a special course for young people who are considering going to college.

#### For students

(a) National Assembly of the United Student Fellowship, August 25-September 1, 1955. Theme - "Rediscovering the Church." This will be a study conference, and the study will center in the book entitled The Household of God by Lesslie Newbigen, Bishop of the United Church of South India. Leadership will include a Biblical scholar, a theologian who is conversant with college and university life, and a college chaplain who will lead the Assembly in worship. Last year, thirty-six E. and R. churches assisted their students to attend. The conference will meet on a midwest campus.

(b) Several week-long, regional, interdenominationally-sponsored conferences are held in various sections of the country during the month of June.

(c) Week-end conferences during the college year sponsored by the United Student Fellowship are increasing each year. This year, there will be at least fifty-three such conferences during the college year.

(d) The Student Volunteer Movement (missionary training and recruiting arm of the student Christian movements throughout North America) will hold its 17th Quadrennial Conference, December 27, 1955 to January 1, 1956. The conference hopes to number 3,000 students and leaders, with 50% of the student delegates from countries outside of North America but currently studying in the United States and Canada. The conference will be concerned with the task of the World Mission of the Church in the coming years.

#### For faculty

Regional conferences are being sponsored by the Faculty Christian Fellowship, the interdenominational faculty Christian movement related to the National Council of Churches of Christ. Some scholarship aid is available through the department of student work.

#### For campus ministers, college town pastors and lay advisors, college chaplains

Fifth annual conference of the Fellowship of Campus Ministry (organization of Evangelical and Reformed and Congregational Christian

persons at work on the campuses) will be held in Chicago, June 23-29, 1955. A major share of conference and travel expenses is provided through the Department of Student Work for qualified delegates.

### Look to the Future

We are attempting to plan for our work in the years to come. We recognize that we must make significant strides during the next triennium of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. We see our needs to be two-fold: FINANCIAL and PERSONNEL.

To bring an adequate report as to the financial needs of this work during the years of 1957-60 (and for the years to follow), the Advisory Council has requested the Department of Student Work to make a two-fold survey:

- a. A compilation of available information regarding the needs of specific campuses, along with anticipated regional developments to support campus Christian work and to sustain student Christian movements. This information shall be organized to differentiate between needs for capital funds (to improve, expand, or provide entirely new facilities for our work on the campuses) and operating funds (to provide salaries and other operating expenses which will be needed to sustain the work).
- b. A study of the financial support history of other denominations who are investing large amounts of money in this work, including their anticipations for the future.

With the above information in hand, we shall have to turn our attention to the potential sources and methods whereby we may hope to provide adequate financial undergirding for the work.

We are also aware that we must be recruiting some of our most able and best trained pastors and Christian education specialists, to provide the necessary personnel for the work. Most of the denominations have developed programs in connection with their theological seminaries. Some seminaries offer graduate degrees with a major in Christianity and higher education. For various reasons, we do not think this will be feasible, but here are a few suggestions which we are considering:

1. We begin by the presupposition that more of our work is going to have to be done by trained "lay leaders" i.e.: student work secretaries in the home congregations; lay advisors to students in our college town churches; faculty advisors to the voluntary campus Christian fellowships at many campuses. Therefore, we must provide increased training opportunities for these volunteers.
2. We know we shall have to recruit full-time workers from the younger men and women who are preparing themselves for church-sponsored vocations; therefore, we propose to:
  - (a) Visit seminary classes and interpret the philosophy of our work on the campuses.
  - (b) Continue the program which provides a clinical year of training to the best qualified candidates available.



- (c) Look to the program which provides for the Student Work Associate as another kind of experience which should interest and help prepare a person for a vocation in campus ministry.
- (d) Survey those ministers and directors of Christian education who are "out of seminary for five years" and seek to challenge some of them to give a block of their ministry to this work.
- (e) Provide scholarships for the annual conference of the Fellowship of Campus Ministry (campus Christian workers) for interested seminary students, clinical trainees, pastors and others who may be challenged (and receive training) at these conferences.
- (f) Explore the possibility of a summer institute (several weeks long) once in every few years, where those who are already working in the field, and those who will be starting in campus Christian work, may come together to study and reflect upon the task to which they have been called.
- (g) Consider the possibility of offering opportunities for "leaves of absence" or "sabbaticals" wherein those persons who are committed to this as a long term ministry may pursue graduate studies which they desire greatly.

Our great need is to secure qualified, committed persons who are willing to work at this task for a period of years. The average length of tenure for workers in this field is a little over 3-1/2 years. This is even a shorter span than the length of time spent on a given campus by the average student. How can we expect to "crack the shell" of the campus unless we offer sustained leadership, properly supported (morally and financially) by the church which claims the responsibility to minister to those to whom we must look for tomorrow's "successes" and "failures."

#### Reorganization of the Department of Student Work

At the recent meeting of the Advisory Council, a committee worked on proposals for work to be fostered through synodical channels. A major share of this committee's time was given to the consideration of suggestions for the reorganization of the Department of Student Work. The proposals of the committee were received and approved by the Advisory Council and presented to Dr. Sheeder in a meeting in Philadelphia on February 28. At that meeting, revisions were suggested for incorporation within the Council's proposals for the reorganization of the Department of Student Work. These are being circulated to members of the Advisory Council and it is hoped that a complete report, with accompanying recommendations, may be made to the Board at its annual meeting.

#### Recommendations to the Board

1. That there be one committee within the synod responsible for ministry to students and faculty, including emphases on our church related colleges.
2. That the program for recruiting and working with student work secretaries in the home church be highly recommended to the synods and the congregations.

3. That encouragement be given to the United Student Fellowship, the Fellowship of Campus Ministry, and to the many staff and committee members who are seeking to develop more effective, ecumenical, campus Christian movements and campus Christian ministries.
4. That appreciation be expressed to the Board of International Missions and the Commission on World Service for their increased support of the World's Student Christian Federation.
5. That approval be given to the general procedure as outlined for surveying the future needs for financial support and for personnel recruitment and training.

#### In Appreciation

I am deeply grateful to:

- the members of the Board for their support and counsel;
- Mrs. Henderson L. V. Shinn and other members of the Advisory Council, for their guidance and enthusiasm;
- the members of the staff, for their helpful suggestions and forbearance;
- Miss Estelle Woerheide, our office secretary, for her straight thinking and hard work, always beyond the call of duty;
- Mrs. Bessie Agard who cheerfully and efficiently serves as our part-time office clerk;
- and, to the many students, faculty, pastors and lay members of our many committees and boards who, in the various sections of the country, give of their time and talents that our work may advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

Hartland H. Helmich.



## THE DEPARTMENT OF ADULT WORK AND FAMILY LIFE

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

Technically, on July 1, 1954, responsibility for the department of adult work and family life was transferred from the able hands of Oscar J. Rumpf to the undersigned. Actually I am still greatly dependent upon Mr. Rumpf for advice and counsel with reference to the work of this department. I cannot express too greatly my admiration for him and for his work, as well as for the many kindnesses he has shown me since I assumed this responsibility.

Because of the pressure of the work in the department of leadership education and because the field of adult work and family life is so vast, there is little in the way of specific achievement to report at this time.

Items of interest include the following:

### 1. National Family Week

In preparation for this annual event, the special service for the Festival of the Christian Home was prepared, together with a service for the home. These services were published in THE CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER of March, 1955. Articles were also prepared for the "Messenger" and the Sunday Church bulletin.

### 2. 1956 and 1957 Adult Program Books

For several years now, the Women's Guild, the Churchmen's Brotherhood and this department have produced an annual program book.

In 1955 the book, THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS DAILY WORK required a second printing because it was so well received. The 1956 book is being written by Dr. and Mrs. Willard Kratz. The Rev. Robert Fauth is author of the 1957 book. A Joint Committee, representative of the three agencies, supervises the preparation, publication and distribution of these books.

### 3. 1955 YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM PACKET

This packet each year is becoming increasingly popular with our growing number of young adult groups.

### 4. 1963 Curriculum

In cooperation with Walter Dobler, director of adult work for the Congregational Christian Churches, a report has been drawn up suggesting ways and means by which the home might become a more active partner in the Christian education process.

### 5. Dunkirk Family Weeks-1954

My family and I spent three weeks at the Dunkirk family camp. Through this experience I discovered the great values of this type of camp. It is my hope that in the years to come a nationwide family camping program can be developed by the department of camps and conferences in collaboration with this department.

There are many responsibilities and activities carried on by the department in addition to those that have been enumerated. These include the supervision of the adult pages in THE CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER, leadership in the adult and family life sections of the National Council of Churches, and the like. Since work with older adults is of primary importance, we are looking to the possibility of setting up a committee which will concern itself with this area of responsibility.

And now for some words of appreciation. First, I would be remiss if I did not express my deep appreciation for the invaluable help given me by my part-time secretary, Mrs. Mary Schoenfelder. Though even newer than I, she is a great asset to the department. Second, I must mention the staff Retreat, held at Camp Fernbrook during the first week in March, where much time was spent in consideration of the family in the whole Christian education process, was of great value to me. I am grateful to my colleagues for their incisiveness at this point, for I feel sure that the department of family life will do a better job in the coming years because of the helpful suggestions that were made in this meeting.

Finally, to the Board itself I wish to express my deep appreciation for giving me an opportunity to serve as acting director of adult work and family life for the past ten months.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM E. WIMER, Acting Director  
Dept. of Adult Work & Family Life



## DEPARTMENT OF CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

To the members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

The year 1954 showed no let-up in the amount of work necessary to keep moving the various fields of service represented by this department. Camps and Conferences demanded the major block of time, but Ecumenical Work Camps, National Council of Churches, Camping responsibilities and the increasing pressure of the now active Voluntary Service Program took no small piece out of the calendar.

### CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

For the first time in the history of camps and conference activity in our denomination, the total number of persons in this aspect of our summer program topped ten thousand. Increases in the number of camp and conference periods; a more adequate supply of and a better trained leadership; better promotion and the inauguration of a new program at the Senior High level, contributed in making this figure possible. In only one area - the L.T.S. - was there a decrease due to the elimination of still more of these programs over against last year. Otherwise there was bold increase all along the line.

Ever larger attendances are marking the "long" weekend workshop and attendances at the three held last summer (Mission House, Michaux, Blowing Rock) implied a steady growing interest.

<u>Attendance Figures</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1953</u>
Juniors (37)	2,810 - - (35)	2,281
Junior Highs (44)	3,216 - - (41)	2,832
Senior Highs (21)	1,289 - - (18)	1,003
L.T.S. (3)	181 - - (5)	312
Family (5)	821 - - (5)	796
Workshops (3)	<u>309 - - (2)</u>	<u>193</u>
Total - - -	8,626	7,417
Staff Members	<u>1,518</u>	<u>1,362</u>
Grand Total	10,144	8,789

Increase - 1,355

The revised Senior High program was enthusiastically received last summer. More than 85% of the directors sent in glowing reports of the way this new procedure was received. Those who had some question about its success admitted that it was occasioned in the main, by the procurement of immature staff members. With slight revision, suggested by last year's Senior High Directors, this program will continue in

much the same vein this coming summer.

Training opportunities within the denomination are being expanded further this year to include more persons. The Junior Camp Training Sessions will be held at Camp Fernbrook May 31-June 3 with at least two representatives and missionary personnel invited from every Junior Camp staff. The National Camp and Conference Directors' Conference for administrators of periods including Junior Highs and those older will be held May 18 and 19 at Camp Talahi, Howell, Michigan. Upwards of one hundred leaders will be trained in this session. Paralleling this group May 17-19, will be the Recreation Workshop for Camp and Conference Recreation Leaders.

A close examination of our Junior High Camp Program has led the Youth Department staff and this writer to the conclusion that operating the program for this age group on a small-group basis is most desirable. Therefore, this summer will mark a departure from our old pattern and the inauguration of a new pattern for Junior Highs. Visits to Synodical Camp Committees have indicated that this change is welcomed by all.

We approach the ninth summer of camp and conference activities since the establishment of this department with anticipation of greater effectiveness in every age group because of better trained and more consecrated leadership.

### VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The year in Voluntary Service started slowly. The agency constructing the buildings was unsuccessful for a while in procuring the necessary funds for construction of the Center which was to house the training program. Finally, the mortgage was secured and the contractor moved in on July 20th.

Since that time every spare moment of my time has been spent there, either consulting with the contractor, plumber or electrician, or working in the program with the volunteers. We are grateful that the program is progressing even though the buildings will not be finally completed until June 1st, at the earliest.

Our first group of volunteers came to the Center on January 7th. Some were not sure that they had come to the correct spot since we were still so very unsettled. However, we were prepared to house them, feed them and keep them warm. At the beginning they were eight in number, but along the way, one was lost because of conditions at home. Therefore, seven persons were trained during the two month period and have since been placed in service units. These seven persons represented three mid-western Synods (Kansas City, North Illinois, North Wisconsin-2) and three eastern Synods (Susquehanna, Lancaster and Lehigh). We now have prospects of a fair size group for the summer training session and an even better outlook for the fall session.



Our major concern is one of recruitment of volunteers. We feel (and others have expressed themselves similarly) that this is a wonderful program and already the work of the volunteers in the projects to which they've been assigned has proved our faith in the validity of this venture.

There are a number of "thank-you's" which should be expressed publicly - to the Youth Department for the strong support which has constantly emanated, not the least of which was the designation of the 1954 Christ Workday funds for the Building Fund; to the Churchmen's Brotherhood for making the Center the object of its "challenge" offering for 1955; the Women's Guild for its support both financially and morally and, by far not the least, the unswerving undergirding given by Dr. Sheeder during all these uncertain months. Without this latter, the going would have been rather dreary at times. Carl and Marie Bade have done yeoman work during this period of beginnings. Carl has shouldered much more than his share of the burden and has carried it in a most comprehending and Christian way.

We now look forward to the time when we will be supplying a steady stream of volunteers to worthy projects, both within and outside the denomination.

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#### ECUMENICAL WORK CAMPS

The year 1954 was no exception in our continued interest and support of the World Council of Churches Work Camp Program.

Even though much of the scholarships previously supplied by the Commission on World Service was cut off, thus making it impossible to grant any appreciable sums to Work Campers, we had more in this ecumenical program than ever before.

In all, seventeen Work Campers represented the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Of this number, four served as Co-leaders and others journeyed to far and near places to serve. We had representatives in Japan (2), Lebanon (2), Malaya (2), Germany (6), France (1), Belgium (1), England (1), Austria (2). Glowing accounts of experiences have been received from many and some have shared these through the columns of YOUTH.

So far in 1955, seven Work Campers from our denomination have been processed for overseas service. We again maintain our good record that to-date none has been rejected by the interdenominational screening committee. To-date (March 15th) there are still eight in the "works" waiting for processing. The United States cites this past year claimed only one E. and R. and he served at Swananoa, North Carolina.

This unit will be repeated this year, along with Delmo Homes, Missouri and Ganado Indian Reservation in Arizona. It looks now as though we will have at least three persons in one or another of these units in 1955.

We inaugurated a new Work Camp Program for high school students in 1954. A total of seven senior highs enrolled for the work project in connection with the Voluntary Service Center. Each camper had originally intended to serve in one period (either July or August) but at least four stayed for both months. They had a tremendous experience of Christian fellowship and community.

The success of this venture literally demanded that we have another Work Camp for Senior Highs in 1955. The project will be to enlarge the reservoir which supplies water for Camp Fernbrook, two homes and the Center.

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#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

The writer continues to serve as unofficial camp consultant for the National Council of Churches, due to lack of funds for the calling of a director to this department. Thus, the need to consult with camp committees, site development committees and the involvement in the development of program guidance materials continues.

The responsibility for guiding the Council's training program for camps and conference leaders falls upon my shoulders. This is an increasingly important factor in the camps and conference field and our own people are taking greater part each year. Seven regional training camps of four days each and one of ten days (which the writer directed) were held in the Spring of 1954. National Camp training session for Church Camp leaders was held in August with three E. and R. in attendance.

The Experimental Senior High Conference in which eleven denominations participated was held at Camp Mensch Mill in August and the outcome of this experience is already being felt among those interested in setting standards for Senior High Conferences. Three of our staff - Tani, Stroetker, Poppe, in addition to myself as co-director - served as leaders. Another of these experimentations is projected for 1956.

A good block of time was given over to meetings with the Executive Committee of SOCC since it has been deemed wise that in all matters demanding policy making, this group shall provide the guidance.

We will again be involved in a number of training opportunities in 1955 - six regional training camps (Montana, Nebraska, Texas, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin) will offer opportunity for increasing skills to 250 camp leaders.



National Camp, August 4-31, at which I shall serve as co-director, will afford opportunity for more intensive training for thirty-forty leaders of leaders.

Other types of experimentation and exploration will be included in

- (1) Workshop on Developing a Strategy for Training Camp Leaders - October 9-11, Green Lake, Wisconsin
- (2) Workshop on Public Relations in Camping - December 11-14, Voluntary Service Center, Pottstown, Pa.

To my co-workers, Margaret Gill and Betty McCullough, I pay homage without stint. With the amount of time I am out of the office, increasing every year, I marvel at the ease with which they keep the "machinery" running. More power to them in 1955.

Respectfully,

Ed. L. Schlingman

To the members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication;

It was my pleasure to become associated with the Board of Christian Education and Publication in June of 1954 to work in the area of Voluntary Service. I am very grateful for this opportunity.

During this short period of tenure, there were two major aspects of the program with which I was directly associated, namely, the Senior High Work Camp and the first group of volunteers.

#### SENIOR HIGH WORK CAMPS

The Work Camps which were held during the months of July and August, was a fruitful endeavor in many ways. The seven young people, all of whom came from the Pennsylvania Synods except one who came from Missouri Valley, came expecting to work, but not sure of what else was involved. In the course of the two months, that four of the seven spent there and the one month the remainder were present, they probed deeper into their spiritual lives through morning devotion and evening study centered around Harner's I BELIEVE. They developed so close a fellowship that they felt free enough to constructively criticize each other's grammar, manners and industriousness. They each grew according to their own personal needs beyond any means of measure and last, but not least, produced a tremendous amount of work which had meaning and purpose to them, as they worked in the service of the church.

#### VOLUNTARY SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAM

Working with the first unit of volunteers in many ways reminded us of our experiences with the Work Campers. They knew something about what they were coming to, but certainly not all they encountered. As a result, they too, grew in many ways. The evening worship which they had, revealed more understanding and depth near the end of their training. Many times they exclaimed their amazement and joy at new found understanding and knowledge of our Church. They, like the Work Campers, in most cases probed deeper into their spiritual life than ever before, and with the guidance of their teachers, lifted up and studied many aspects of Christian life, such as Stewardship, Evangelism, Christian Faith, Social Responsibilities and many ways of implementing them in the local church and institutions of the denomination.

Another interesting aspect of this program has been the attitude of the guest teachers who were with us. I don't believe it is stating it too strongly when I say that they have enthusiastically endorsed this program while in our midst and reports inform us that they have continued to do so in other church circles since they have been with us.

Though the time has been short since the volunteers have been placed, reports from the institutions have been enheartening and they give us



continuing indications of their satisfaction as of now. The volunteers are placed at Shannondale Community House, Gladden, Missouri; Emmaus Home, Marthasville, Missouri; Fellowship Center, St. Louis, Missouri; Phoebe Home, Allentown, Pa.; Voluntary Service Center, Pottstown, Pa.; Bethany Orphans Home, Womalsdorf, Pa. and Fort Wayne Children's Home, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Recruitment remains our one greatest concern. The needs are great among our institutions and we have only to fill these needs. The interested numbers have been encouraging; however, other circumstances continue to reduce the final group. With the fine support of the Board and Staff of the Board of Christian Education and Publication, the Women's Guild, the Churchmen's Brotherhood, the Youth Fellowship with Christ Workday, continuous publicity and recruitment and the work of many members of our local church, this concern will eventually lessen considerably.

My appreciation to Ed. Schlingman and his family for their gracious acceptance of my wife and me into their family circle cannot fully be expressed. It has made our somewhat disappointed beginning a tolerable pleasure and now I look forward to the next months and years with great hope and faith, for the programs of Voluntary Service.

Respectfully,

Carl A. Bade, Associate Director

DEPARTMENT OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication:

This has been a year of expansion and growth in the Department of Leadership Education due in large measure to the ground work laid by Loren Walters and the actions of the Board at its last annual meeting. The following are items of note:

Field  
Work

- 1) Miss Freda Dexheimer accepted the invitation of the Board to become our third field worker as of September 15, 1954. The reports about her work are as glowing as those sent in about the other two workers. Typical of the many letters received are these comments:

"I wish to express my personal appreciation and that of our synod for your Board's making it possible for the field worker to be with us for our area conferences for workers with children and the field work too. She has helped many teachers to find their way and has really put a challenge before many of us."

"Yesterday we finished our week's work with the field worker. I know that great benefit was found by all of our Christian education leaders. We were particularly impressed by her willingness and ability to adapt the denominational program to the local parish situation."

"The field worker's visit to our church will continue to make a deep impact upon the life of our parish in the future months and years, I feel certain. I am so happy she was scheduled to visit here and work with us for a five day period. She has done much to spur us on in the direction of a more adequate educational program for our times."

The three workers visited 61 churches in the following synods during the past year: East Pennsylvania, Lehigh, Missouri Valley, North Illinois, Northeast Ohio, Northwest Ohio, Southwest Ohio, Southeast Ohio, North Wisconsin, Pittsburgh, Potomac, Reading, Susquehanna, Texas, and West New York.



This by no means accounts fully for the time given by these workers for they have served as counsellors at camps and conferences and have officially represented us at many other gatherings. The demand for the services of these workers continues to be great. I wish the Board could find some way to expand the program.

Station  
Wagons

- 2) Three Ford 4-door station wagons were purchased for our field workers at a cost of \$7,084.00. On the doors of those vehicles the following has been painted:

EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH  
Board of Christian Education and Publication  
Field Worker

In addition, shelving has been put into them in conformity with designs drawn up by the field workers themselves so that they might more efficiently store and handle their mass of material and equipment.

Mensch  
Mill  
Conference

- 3) In cooperation with the New York and 7 Pennsylvania synods, the department sponsored the 21st Annual Conference on Christian Education at Mensch Mill in June, 1954. This conference had the largest attendance in the history of this particular event.

Directors  
of  
Christian  
Education

- 4) The directors of Christian education met in February informally at the National Council of Churches meeting in Cincinnati, but the annual meeting was held this year, April 13 to 15, in the Schaff Building. It is hoped that future meetings will be held in St. Louis and Cleveland.

Standard  
Leadership  
Curriculum

- 5) The statistical sheet tells of the large number of people in our denomination actively participating in the Standard Leadership Curriculum. This program is sponsored by our denomination in cooperation with the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches. Through membership on the Committee on Administration and Leadership of the National Council, we help guide this program, and help determine the courses and texts needed.

Leadership education is in a fluid state at the moment. Whole new vistas were opened at the Conference on Lay Leadership held at Schwenksville last year. Only

time will tell what new ventures will emerge and what the function and place of the Standard Leadership Curriculum in the new program of leadership education and training will be.

Adminis-  
tration  
of  
Filmstrips

- 6) Along with several other denominations, we are producing under the sponsorship of the National Council of Churches three filmstrips in the area of church school administration:

- a) Board of Christian Education
- b) Supervision
- c) Workers' Conference

These filmstrips will be premiered at the 23rd International Sunday School Convention.

1963  
Curriculum

- 7) In preparation for the 1963 Curriculum, Mildred Widber of the Congregational Christian staff, and I, have met and drawn up a report suggesting leadership materials needed in the revised curriculum.

Along with these items could be listed many other activities more routine in nature carried on by this department, for this department is called on many times daily to help churches improve their program of leadership education.

While the director is in the field speaking at installations of church school teachers and the like, attending committee meetings, advising on church school building programs, the work in the office runs along smoothly thanks to the efforts of Jeannette Patterson and Miriam Dobbins. No word of praise is adequate to express my deep appreciation to these two individuals.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Wimer  
Interim Director of the  
Department of Leadership Education



Leadership Training Recognition Granted to "E and R" Students

	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
For work in local church classes and denominational schools			
First Series	424	334	358
Second Series	200	143	84
	<u>624</u>	<u>477</u>	<u>442</u>
Home Study Courses			
35 in circulation			
First series credits issued	8	4	3
Second Series credits issued	4	1	3
	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Certified to us by the Division of Christian Education			
First Series	412	467	560
Second Series	728	714	1244
Third Series		2	5
	<u>1140</u>	<u>1183</u>	<u>1809</u>
	<u>1776</u>	<u>1665</u>	<u>2257</u>
First Certificate of Progress	0	22	14
Second Certificate of Progress	6	5	3
	<u>6</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>

# 1954 LEADERSHIP EDUCATION STATISTICS - EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH

SYNODS	CHURCHES Reporting	Churches with Training Classes	Churches with Students taking Home Study Courses	Churches with Students in Community Schools	Churches Repre- sented in Camps and Conferences	Churches reporting Workers' Conferences	TOTALS
California	14	2	-	3	4	9	18
Central Penna.	75	9	1	16	25	20	71
Dakota	18	3	-	-	-	3	6
East Penna.	56	7	1	13	12	22	55
Iowa	64	11	1	7	25	37	81
Kansas City	55	9	-	21	26	38	94
Lancaster	81	11	1	34	33	41	120
Lehigh	66	7	2	22	24	24	79
Magyar	31	15	-	5	4	12	36
Mercersburg	82	5	-	18	35	46	104
Michigan-Indiana	71	15	2	21	25	37	100
Missouri Valley	92	19	3	34	30	56	142
Nebraska	41	2	1	7	15	25	50
New York	19	3	-	4	5	10	22
Northeast Ohio	47	13	1	26	16	24	80
Northern	54	7	-	6	14	17	44
North Illinois	92	26	1	24	28	49	128
Northwest Ohio	81	4	1	15	29	35	84
North Wisconsin	53	8	-	6	17	19	50
Pacific Northwest	16	1	-	4	7	9	21
Philadelphia	70	10	1	24	33	44	112
Pittsburgh	122	16	1	26	52	44	139
Potomac	80	13	-	12	30	37	92
Reading	86	12	3	21	27	42	105
Rocky Mountain	17	5	-	-	2	7	14
Southeast Ohio	74	6	-	16	32	29	83
Southern	65	10	-	18	30	33	91
South Illinois	73	15	1	22	28	44	110
South Indiana	90	16	-	32	44	54	146
Southwest Ohio	80	7	-	34	32	43	116
South Wisconsin	57	8	-	15	23	27	73
Susquehanna	47	2	-	13	17	14	46
Texas	49	8	-	11	22	27	68
West New York	47	8	-	26	20	26	80
Totals	2065	313	21	556	766	1004	2660



## LITERATURE CONSULTANT

Exhibits for synod meetings, for Christian Education emphases during local church anniversary observances; setting up and manning the Resource Centers for Children's Workshops (two last summer - Texas and Elmhurst - and four this next summer); requests for samples and for help in this or that phase of the work of the church! Letter after letter requiring a bewildering variety of advice! Christian Education Statistical Blanks and Reports! And then statistics and surveys ad infinitum!

Such is the routine (?) of the office of the Literature Consultant. Monotony! We scarcely know what the word means! Except perhaps when we're working on the Kardex file which does require a certain amount of detailed painstaking "stick-to-it-hour-by-hour" work.

For two years our office has had the able and interested assistance of Alice LeFever. Early this year she was granted a six weeks' leave of absence - from June 15 to July 31 - to participate in the Youth Caravan program. Ruth Welsh (of Heidelberg College) was engaged to work in our office for the six weeks and with Mrs. Hull for the rest of the summer. Later developments resulted in Alice's deciding to go to Ursinus this fall. So she'll be with us for about six weeks after caravanning and then, presto, we'll start from scratch again training an assistant.

As has always been true, we work closely with the Circulation Office, of which Mrs. Marion Hull is manager. Mrs. Hull prepared the Circulation statistics which are a part of this report.

Here are some of the noteworthy facts and figures.

## Evangelical &amp; Reformed Churches' Use of Their Own Curriculum Materials

<u>CHURCH AND HOME</u>		<u>UNIFORM</u>	
Kindergarten	Jan.'51 - 57% Jan.'55 - 48.25%		
Primary	Oct.'50 - 58.8% Jan.'51 - 58% Jan.'55 - 50.68%	Primary	Oct.'54 - 6.26% Jan.'55 - 6%
Junior	Jan.'51 - 52.5% Jan.'55 - 47.87%	Junior	Jan.'51 - 12.7% Jan.'54 - 13.4% Jan.'55 - 12.93%
3rd & 4th Grade	Jan.'51 - 1.8% Jan.'55 - 12.4%	Junior High	Jan.'51 - 14.5% Oct.'54 - 16.36% Jan.'55 - 15.63%
Junior High	Jan.'51 - 42.4% Jan.'55 - 38.17%		
Senior High	Oct.'50 - 32.6% Oct.'52 - 33.8% Jan.'55 - 29.69%	Srs.-Young People	Oct.'51 - 16% Oct.'53 - 18.86% Jan.'55 - 19.47%
Young People - Adult	Oct.'50 - 29% Jan.'52 - 32.8% Jan.'55 - 29.35%	Adult	Oct.'50 - 34.5% Oct.'54 - 35.18% Jan.'55 - 35.21%

Filmstrip	- Oct.'50 - 15.9%	Stories	Oct.'50 - 32%
	Jan.'52 - 26.5% (Life of Christ)		Jan.'55 - 29.81%
	Jan.'55 - 24.79%		
Family Book	- Oct.'50 - 15.9%	Trailblazer	Oct.'50 - 32%
	Oct.'52 - 23.38% (Bible Quiz Book)		Jan.'55 - 30.68%
	Jan.'55 - 14.33%	Venture	Oct.'50 - 26.5%
			Jan.'55 - 24.22%

Because comparisons between the "Then" and "Now" use of Primary and Junior CHURCH AND HOME are altered by the recent promotion of the Lower Junior, we have added all Primary, Junior, and Lower Junior figures for comparison:

Primary	)	Jan.'51	Jan.'55
Junior	)		
Lower Junior)		112.3%	110.95%

To check whether UNIFORM increases balance CHURCH AND HOME losses:

Primary C. & H. - Jan.'51 - 58%	Primary C. & H.	)	
	Junior C. & H. and Unif.)		Jan.'51 - 125%
Primary C. & H. )	Lower Junior	)	
Primary Uniform ) Jan.'55 - 56.68%			
	Primary C. & H. and Unif.)		
Junior C. & H. )	Junior C. & H. and Unif.)		Jan.'55 - 129.88%
Junior Uniform ) Jan.'51 - 65.2%	Lower Junior	)	
Junior C. & H. ) Jan.'55 - 60.8%			
Junior Uniform )			
Junior High C. & H. )			
Junior High Uniform ) Jan.'51 - 56.9%			
Junior High C. & H. ) Jan.'55 - 53.8%			
Junior High Uniform )			
Sr.Hi & Y.P.-Adult C. & H.)			
Srs.-Y.P. & Adult Uniform) Jan.'51 - 114.8%			
Sr.Hi & Y.P.-Adult C. & H.) Jan.'55 - 113.72%			
Srs.-Y.P. & Adult Uniform)			

CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER and YOUTH are our Star Performers. They have really forged ahead, both in circulation and in the number of churches using them. See comparisons on next sheet and also the complete statistical sheets.



## SOME COMPARISONS --- STATISTIC-WISE

In our over-all use of E. & R. curriculum materials we are inching ahead -  
 NOW - the highest for many years - 80.65%

In Oct. '50 (the 1st issue) 40.4% of our schools had the Church School Worker  
 Mar. '55 52.89%

Church School Worker circulation - Oct.'50 - 9,911  
 Apr.'55 - 14,124

For a long time, the item which showed highest percentage use was either  
 primary or kindergarten. NOW the item with highest use is the  
 Church School Worker; Primary 2nd, Kindergarten 3rd, and Junior 4th.

Highest circulation of any curriculum item -

1. Adult Student (Uniform) - 54,991
2. Primary pupil's book (Church) - 41,413
3. Primary activities and - 38,671
4. Junior pupil's book Home) - 34,960

January 1951 (2nd quarter of 1st year) - 34.5% schools using C. & H. thruout  
 " 1955 ( " " " 5th " ) - 11.67% " " " " " "

January 1951 - 68.9% schools using some item of Church & Home  
 " 1955 - 61.7% " " " " " " " " "

October 1950 - 33% using some item of E. & R. Uniform  
 January 1955 - 43% " " " " " " " "

March 1954 - just before Youth assumed its new look - 23.69% use  
 NOW . . . . . - 34.26%

In March 1954 Youth circulation - 12,963  
 In April 1955 " " - 18,865

Using no E. & R. this quarter - Oct. 1950 - 23.47%  
 Jan. 1955 - 20.08%

Regularly using some E. & R.  
 (including alt. union schools) Oct. 1950 - 77.5% Jan. 1955 - 80.65%

Who knows - we might not need to send reminders for the Christian Education  
 Statistical Reports this year! By March 31, 1955 we had received 2,225 - last  
 year at the same time - 2059.

Again there has been an increase in enrolment and average attendance.  
Figures for the past 7 years are as follows:

	Enrolment	Average Attendance
1948	466,444	268,646
1949	484,753	276,514
1950	490,530	282,214
1951	494,180	285,927
1952	506,016	292,848
1953	517,586	299,569
1954	533,232	316,023

March 1955 --- 2630 schools

### Size of Schools

March 1955

283 - 10.76%	with membership	50 and under
242 - 9.2%	" "	51 - 75
787 - 29.92%	" "	76 - 150
814 - 30.95%	" "	151 - 300
351 - 13.346%	" "	301 - 500
153 - 5.817%	" "	over 500

In 1946 - 803 schools (29.22%) had an enrolment of 75 or less  
In 1955 - 525 " (19.96%) " " " " " " "

In 1946 - 833 schools (30.31%) had an enrolment between 76 & 150  
In 1955 - 787 " (29.92%) " " " " " " "

In 1946 - 704 schools (25.61%) had an enrolment between 151 & 300  
In 1955 - 814 " (30.95%) " " " " " " "

In 1946 - 252 schools ( 9.17%) had an enrolment between 301 & 500  
In 1955 - 351 " (13.346%) " " " " " " "

In 1946 - 103 schools ( 3.74%) had an enrolment over 500  
In 1955 - 153 " ( 5.817%) " " " over "

In 1946 - 59.53% of our schools had a membership of 150 or less  
In 1955 - 49.88% " " " " " " " " "

### Size of Communities

March 1955

441 - 16.768%	in communities	over 100,000
247 - 9.39%	" "	between 25,000 & 100,000
192 - 7.3%	" "	" 10,000 & 25,000
302 - 11.48%	" "	" 2,500 & 10,000
536 - 20.38%	" "	" 500 & 2,500
912 - 34.676%	" "	under 500

In 1946 - 56% of E. & R. schools were in communities of 2500 or less  
In 1955 - 55% of E. & R. schools are " " " " " "

Greta P. Hinkle



## CIRCULATION OF CURRICULUM MATERIALS

	Oct-Dec 1950	Jan-Mch 1951	Oct-Dec 1951	Jan-Mch 1952	Oct-Dec 1952	Jan-Mch 1953	Oct-Dec 1953	Jan-Mch 1954	Oct-Dec 1954	Jan-Mch 1955
<u>CHURCH AND HOME SERIES</u>										
Nursery Teacher's Book(Annual)	1,415	182	313	110	286	111	353	95	324	80
Nursery Pupil's Book	12,837	13,317	13,270	11,905	11,287	10,949	10,598	10,408	9,934	9,546
Nursery Teaching Pictures	669	68	184	46	205	56	225	31	227	41
Kindergarten Teacher's Guide	3,549	3,689	3,911	3,681	3,790	3,909	4,005	3,960	3,964	3,884
Kindergarten Pupil's Book	28,687	28,498	28,282	28,113	28,683	28,304	27,939	27,792	26,385	25,886
Kindergarten Activities	20,550	1,825	20,431	1,819	22,178	1,717	23,505	1,632	23,455	1,622
Kindergarten Teaching Pictures	984	109	981	66	972	128	1,102	85	957	82
Primary Teacher's Guide	4,998	5,180	5,371	5,130	5,327	5,267	5,529	5,558	5,550	5,510
Primary Pupil's Book	41,050	42,548	40,483	39,095	39,943	39,737	42,355	41,640	41,428	41,413
Primary Activities	33,663	33,997	33,439	32,647	34,141	34,192	38,372	37,849	39,283	38,671
Primary Teaching Pictures	1,134	109	1,151	110	1,153	98	1,309	132	1,208	109
Third & Fourth Grades-Tea.Guide	57	135	74	119	61	72	78	81	787	906
Third & Fourth Grades-Pup.Book	502	865	654	605	508	526	636	591	5,771	6,703
Junior Teacher's Guide	4,555	4,513	4,759	4,608	4,899	4,851	4,954	4,763	4,508	4,355
Junior Pupil's Book	36,479	36,218	37,743	37,245	39,059	39,742	40,320	39,290	36,045	34,960
Junior Teaching Pictures					662	116	746	95	739	106
Junior High Teacher's Guide	2,718	2,752	2,853	2,707	2,783	2,735	2,686	2,615	2,670	2,623
Junior High Pupil's Book	22,588	21,902	21,231	20,686	20,670	20,700	20,791	19,887	20,768	20,202
Senior High Teacher's Guide	1,577	1,635	1,810	1,648	1,749	1,666	1,642	1,527	1,669	1,551
Senior High Pupil's Book	15,263	14,152	13,732	13,059	12,919	12,332	12,435	11,710	12,442	11,952
Young People & Adults Tea.Guide	2,851	2,992	3,083	2,943	2,954	2,903	2,917	2,813	2,715	2,782
Young People & Adults Pup.Book	34,195	36,114	33,622	33,361	32,156	31,298	29,396	28,753	28,481	28,236
Filmstrip	584	507	749	---2 parts	661	627	652	640	689	666
Family Book	27,005	23,758	19,337	16,933	21,564	16,422	14,865	14,000	12,437	12,291
<u>INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM SERIES</u>										
The Church in the Home	5,146	5,153	5,307	5,304	5,483	5,480	5,699	5,809	6,109	6,182
Junior Teacher's Quarterly	891	1,082	973	891	1,143	978	1,238	1,368	1,538	1,417
Junior Pupil's Quarterly	7,244	7,249	7,644	7,498	8,032	8,440	8,491	9,191	9,496	8,686
Youth-Adult Teacher's Quarterly	5,027	5,043	5,306	4,912	5,166	5,178	5,524	5,556	5,745	5,748
Intermediate Pupil's Quarterly	8,567	8,077	8,550	8,233	8,576	8,404	8,650	8,893	9,826	9,660
Senior-Young People's Quarterly	11,790	11,929	11,772	10,929	11,597	12,162	11,906	11,425	12,024	12,363
Adult Student's Quarterly	47,316	47,283	49,382	48,781	50,990	51,393	54,217	54,295	55,388	54,991
Lesson Leaf	13,119	12,623	13,184	12,933	11,788	11,875	11,431	11,871	11,965	11,607
Bible Lesson Stories	2,504	2,601	2,391	2,390	2,332	2,278	2,680	3,697	3,964	4,190
Picture Cards	600	605	697	762	886	896	1,053	900	774	548
Picture Rolls	43	48	38	41	37	34	71	73	109	123

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CIRCULATION

MAGAZINES, STORY PAPERS AND PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR YOUTH GROUPS

	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>Jan-Mch</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>Jan-Mch</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>Jan-Mch</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>Jan-Mch</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Oct-Dec</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Jan-Mch</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>April</u> <u>1955</u>
CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER(Monthly)	9,911	10,156	11,199	11,369	11,546) free 657)	12,026	12,545	12,774	13,404	13,820	14,124
CHILDREN'S RELIGION(Monthly)	2,806	2,855	905	948	977	969	959	973	948	944	
STORIES(Weekly)	28,626	28,867	28,433	27,727	27,458	26,895	26,786	27,087	27,472	27,423	
TRAILBLAZER(Weekly)	19,822	20,475	20,254	20,363	20,372	20,560	20,689	20,415	20,415	20,728	
VENTURE(Weekly)	13,871	14,137	13,040	13,023	12,725	12,614	12,480	12,626	12,418	12,138	
YOUTH(Biweekly)	14,620	13,958	13,005	13,014	12,795	12,788	12,752	12,791	17,431	18,789	18,865
	<u>1950-51</u>	<u>1951-52</u>	<u>1952-53</u>	<u>1953-54</u>					<u>1954-55</u>		
YOUTH KIT(Annual	476	516	593	667					636		
JUNIOR HI KIT(Annual)	428	374	439	482					477		
MONTHLY PROGRAMS(Annual)	82	113	58	58					21		



CHURCH AND HOME SERIES MATERIAL

SOLD TO ARMED FORCES

		Oct-Dec 1954	Jan-Mch 1955	April-June 1955
Junior Teacher		1,762	1,882	
Junior Pupil		19,425	20,339	
Family Book "We Would See Jesus"		----	2,213	
Junior High Teacher				779
Junior High Pupil				7,953
<u>FILMSTRIPS</u>				
Life of Christ	Total 92		We Grew Together	Total 76
Wonders of God	Total 85		How and Why We Worship	Total 79
Christian Living in Our World	Total 77		Palestine in Jesus' Day Pt I	Total 1

# USE OF EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH SCHOOL MATERIALS OCTOBER, 1950 THROUGH MARCH, 1955

	OCT. '50	JAN. '51	OCT. '51	JAN. '52	OCT. '52	JAN. '53	OCT. '53	JAN. '54	OCT. '54	JAN. '55
NUMBER OF SCHOOLS	2,645	2,642	2,642	2,630	2,631	2,635	2,635	2,634	2,635	2,630
NURSERY - KLEIN	32%	33.8%	33.3%	32%	31.85%	29.4%	30.21%	28.59%	26.51%	25.93%
MCALLUM		3.7%	3.4%	3.8%	3.76%	4%	3.6%	3.53%	3.26%	2.97%
KINDERGARTEN	56%	57%	53.4%	52%	53%	51.2%	51.84%	49.05%	48.92%	48.25%
PRIMARY	58.8%	58%	55.7%	54.7%	55.87%	54.15%	54.5%	52.39%	51.12%	50.68%
JUNIOR	52%	52.5%	51.3%	50.4%	52%	51.08%	51.42%	49.31%	48.12%	47.87%
3RD AND 4TH GRADE	1%	1.8%	1.3%	1.4%	98%	986%	1.17%	1.06%	1.13%	12.40%
JUNIOR HIGH	41.8%	42.4%	40.9%	41%	41.58%	40.94%	40.67%	38.15%	38.52%	38.17%
SENIOR HIGH	32.6%	33.5%	33.1%	33%	33.8%	33.4%	32.52%	30.11%	29.72%	29.69%
YOUNG PEOPLE - ADULT	25%	31.7%	32.4%	32.8%	33.3%	32.68%	30.96%	28.77%	28.8%	29.35%
FILMSTRIP	15.9%	17.7%	22.6%	26.5%	24.4%	23.45%	23.41%	23.27%	24.21%	24.75%
FAMILY BOOK	15.9%	16.7%	18.2%	17.5%	23.38%	18.59%	16.12%	16.81%	14.35%	14.33%
CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER	40.4%	42.7%	46.5%	46.4%	50.58%	48.9%	50.92%	51.06%	53.09%	52.89%
STORIES	32%	32.4%	32.7%	31.7%	31%	30.06%	29.93%	29.15%	30.21%	29.81%
TRAILBLAZER	32%	33%	32.7%	32.6%	31.77%	30.74%	31.15%	31.28%	31.65%	30.68%
VENTURE	26.5%	27%	26.6%	26.3%	25.7%	25.12%	25.31%	25.28%	24.97%	24.22%
YOUTH	24%	23%	21.4%	22.3%	22.76%	22.16%	22.16%	23.69%	30.97%	34.26%
CHURCH IN THE HOME	11%	10.8%	11.7%	12%	12.3%	12.07%	12.4%	12.22%	11.73%	11.75%
PRIMARY UNIFORM							4.62%	5.77%	6.26%	6%
JUNIOR UNIFORM	11.8%	12.7%	13.1%	13.1%	13.07%	12.7%	12.9%	13.4%	13.13%	12.93%
JUNIOR HIGH UNIFORM	14.3%	14.5%	15.4%	14.9%	15.4%	15.2%	15.4%	15.83%	16.36%	15.63%
SR.-Y. P. UNIFORM	16%	17%	17.2%	17.2%	18.2%	18.2%	18.86%	18.6%	18.82%	19.47%
ADULT UNIFORM	34.5%	32.6%	33.2%	33.4%	34.7%	34.5%	34.42%	34.16%	35.18%	35.21%
CHURCH & HOME THROUGHOUT	30.7%	34.5%	29.5%	26.7%	27%	23.83%	17.08%	14.39%	15.14%	11.67%
CHURCH & HOME PARTIALLY	10.6%	8%	7.3%	10.3%	9.7%	12.18%	17.34%	19.82%	16.96%	20.84%
(NO E. & R. UNIFORM)										
SOME CHURCH & HOME AND	25.3%	26.3%	27.8%	27.6%	28.35%	27.86%	29.75%	28.245%	29.15%	29.20%
SOME E. & R. UNIFORM	66.8%	68.9%	64.8%	64.3%	65.18%	63.87%	64.17%	62.46%	61.25%	61.71%
SOME CHURCH & HOME										
NO CHURCH & HOME BUT SOME										
E. & R. UNIFORM										
SOME E. & R. UNIFORM	8%	6%	9.68%	10.34%	10.83%	11.61%	12.29%	12.83%	14.16%	13.76%
ONLY STORY PAPERS, YOUTH	33.3%	32.3%	37.48%	37.94%	39.18%	39.47%	42.04%	41.075%	43.31%	42.96%
CH. SCH. WORKER, FAMILY										
BOOK, CHURCH IN THE HOME	1.6%	1.77%	2.46%	1.9%	3%	3.22%	2.88%	3.19%	4.17%	4.44%
NO E. & R. THIS QUARTER	23.47%	23.16%	22.97%	23.3%	20.9%	21.29%	20.64%	21.52%	20.41%	20.08%
REGULARLY USING SOME E. & R.										
INCL. ALTERNATING UNION	77.5%	77.63%	77.8%	77.8%	80%	79.5%	80.3%	79.4%	80.342%	80.65%
SCHOOLS NOW USING LUTH.	(2049)	(2051)	(2056)	(2044)	(2104)	(2095)	(2116)	(2092)	(2117)	(2121)



## THE SERVICE LIBRARY

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

My trip to Europe from August 5 through November 1 was truly a wonderful experience, and I wish to thank the Board for granting me the extra time to make it possible for me to celebrate 25 years in the work in such an interesting way.

Busy months preceded my departure since I was completing three months of editorial work ahead of time. During my absence, Jeanne Laros took care of the library; and in her absence Greta Hinkle and her secretary, Alice Lefever, were in charge. I am deeply grateful to these persons for their help.

The following figures show a steady increase in the use of the Service Library:

<u>Number of requests for books</u>		<u>Number of books issued</u>
1952	1,151	3,915
1953	1,288	4,709
1954	1,608	5,507
<u>Number of books added to Library</u>		<u>Letters and cards written</u>
1952	317	416
1953	311	504
1954	329	584

Through the work of the field workers the library is becoming more widely known; and, as indicated above, more expansively used.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSE M. KNIKER

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

During the past seven months, it has been a privilege to become acquainted with my responsibilities as Director of Curriculum. My two chief concerns have been with the production of the current Church and Home Series, and the planning for basic curriculum revisions in the future. At present, both of these concerns involve working jointly with the Christian Education staff of the Congregational Christian Churches.

The production of the present Church and Home Series includes joint preparation of the pupil's books and teacher's guides from lower junior (grades 3 and 4) through the adult level, the family books, and the filmstrips for each quarter. At primary level, we purchase the pupil's books, activity sheets, and teaching pictures from Westminster Press, and develop our own teacher's guides. At kindergarten level, we also purchase activity sheets and pupil's books from the Presbyterians, but publish a quarterly teacher's guide jointly with the Congregational Christians. We use the Westminster materials completely at the nursery level and below. The Church School Worker is our own publication but we include in it some jointly produced materials such as worship services, All-Church projects, and suggestions for workers' conferences. Joint publication of lower junior material began with the fall quarter, 1954, while joint publication of the Kindergarten Teacher's Guide will end with the summer quarter, 1955. Beginning with next fall we will publish the Kindergarten Teacher's Guide alone.

These materials have been produced under the capable editorships of Evelyn McGill, editor of children's publications, assisted by Gertrude Priester; Lael Henderson, editor of youth publications; Marie R. Remmel, editor of the Church School Worker and the Family Books, and Fred McQueen, editor of adult publications.

My introduction to the program of curriculum development began last May, 1954, with the joint staff meeting at Atlantic City. At that time the tentative date of 1960 was set for the co-operative publication of revised materials. With this date in mind, preliminary course descriptions were drawn up and presented in the fall for joint staff consideration. As a result of this preliminary investigation of the proposed courses, certain inadequacies at the children's level became apparent. These arose from the inclusion of the lower junior courses within the framework of the three-year cycle, which caused an overlapping with the primary and the junior materials and made integration very difficult. Therefore, it was decided to reconsider the organization of the curriculum, investi-



gating the possibility of a two-year cycle from kindergarten through senior high school.

This investigation resulted in a thorough reconsideration of the basic principles of Christian education by which we were working. It has included three aspects:

1. An analysis of the capacities for learning which the growing person can be expected to have at each level of his development was made from the nursery through the adult level. This was done with reference to a two year cycle from kindergarten through high school.
2. Six basic concepts (God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Church, Bible, Man) were analyzed to discover how these ideas should be developed at each age level so as to contribute to the growth of the pupil.
3. The basic content of our Christian heritage (biblical and historical) was considered in relation to the developing needs of the pupils and to the six basic ideas above.

This investigation has involved a series of joint staff meetings, in October, December, and March. Documents presenting the findings should prove useful in the process of the revision of materials and in the interpretation of the task of Christian Education to the churches.

With this basic work accomplished we are now in a position to develop a curriculum on a two-year cycle from kindergarten through the senior high school. This will eliminate the present overlapping of lower junior materials with primary and junior materials, and will solve the problem of the junior high three-year span which at present includes ninth grade with seventh and eighth grades.

A further proposal made by the joint staffs, was to change from a four quarter year to a year consisting of two semesters of five months each and one summer term of two months. Such a division would help to meet the problem we now face with the summer quarter, and would enable us to incorporate the Christmas and Easter seasons more effectively into our materials. Further educational advantages of the plan are being explored. In addition, the five-five-two plan would make grading on a two-year cycle financially feasible. Preliminary inquiries as to the response of the churches indicate that with proper interpretation, both of these changes will gain wide approval. A program of experimentation is projected to implement the development of materials in line with these two proposals.

Because of the time involved in these curriculum studies, the projected date of the publication of revised materials was ex-

tended from 1960 to a possible 1963. This decision implies the use of our current materials for a fourth cycle.

In addition to our own curriculum development program, I have participated in several meetings of the National Council's Division of Christian Education. Some of these meetings have indicated the possibility of more interdenominational co-operation with respect to cycle-graded curriculum.

These past seven months have proved most challenging, and satisfying. Through this initial period of adjustment, my secretary, Mrs. Logan, has been most patient and helpful. I have especially appreciated the natural acceptance with which members of the staff, under the inspiration of Dr. Sheeder, have received me into their fellowship.

Robert E. Koenig



To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

Church and Home Series

As in past years the editorial work on the courses for Older Young people and Adults was done at the St. Louis office. The nature of this work is: reading and evaluating the manuscripts; relaying suggestions for improving the manuscripts to the editor of the Congregational Christian Churches; reading proof and making obvious changes for our Evangelical and Reformed Church. Since several of these courses dealt with Christian beliefs and church practices, many more changes had to be made this past year than was done the previous year.

Beginning with the Fall of 1955, the basic work on the adult courses that is now being done by the editor of the Congregational Christian Churches will be done in the St. Louis office. This transfer will mean that direct contacts with the authors of all courses will be made through the St. Louis office. Mimeographing of the manuscripts, collating the criticisms, relaying these to authors, all basic editing, and making technically-edited copies for the printer will now be done by us. Since we are not equipped for mimeographing, we shall need to purchase a duplicator machine for this work.

In addition to the adult courses, I have also reviewed and evaluated all manuscripts for the home books and the quarterly scripts for the filmstrips.

This past year many curriculum conferences and special small group meetings were held to do the basic work on the next cycle of the Church and Home Series. These meetings and the subsequent desk work growing out of these meetings have taken quite a block of time from the ongoing work. In many instances it meant "rush work" to keep to the schedule.

The Uniform Series

There is little more than can be said about the Uniform Series than had been said in other years. Our schedule calls for preparing and publishing the following quarterlies:-

Primary-Junior Teacher's Guide	Adult Student
Junior Pupil's Quarterly	Lesson Leaf
Junior High	Youth-Adult Teacher's
Seniors Young People	Guide

Miss Kniker continues to do the basic editing for the junior pupil and teacher. Miss Freivogel does the basic editing for the primary teacher and the "Biblical Interpretation" and the first proof reading and and final checking of all quarterlies. In the fall, 1954, Miss Henderson took over the basic editing for the junior high pupil and teacher quarterlies, and reading proof of junior high pupil's quarterly. I have done the basic work on Seniors Young People, Adult Student, Lesson Leaf, and the teacher's material for each of these. This past year I prepared one quarter's manuscripts for the Adult Student and Leaders of Adults, and all quarters of Lesson Leaf. Of course checking over all the manuscripts for all quarterlies and doing the second proof reading of these quarterlies take up the rest of my time.

#### Extra Office Activities

As in previous years I have tried to make whatever contribution I could to the work of the National Council and its several agencies. I am serving on a small "unofficial" committee to select materials for a United Curriculum for the Armed Forces. For the present this material has been selected from books published by the different denominations. Several courses from the Church and Home Series are included in this United Curriculum. It is too early to indicate how these materials are being received by the men in service and by the chaplains.

I am a member of the General Program Committee for the proposed Conference on Weekday Religious Education, (Oberlin, Ohio, June 27-30, 1956.) In connection with five advanced studies that are being made to assemble data for the conference, I have prepared a questionnaire for securing information about curricular materials used in weekday schools. The conference is intended for the professional workers in weekday religious education and for interested lay people who would like to know more about weekday religious education so that they might begin the work in their community. A minimum of 500 people are expected to attend.

As chairman of the Committee on Adult Work of the Division, I attended the Conference on Religious Education and Vocation at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, last summer. I also served as conference chairman. The conference was small, 50 persons. All the delegates were



hand-picked. They represented many vocations, several denominations and the labor unions. The results of the conference were gratifying. These will become more evident as the program for the adults of the church takes on more definite shape.

I am serving on the Committee on Objectives. This committee has been charged with the responsibility of restating the general objectives for Christian education. Considerable groundwork has been done by the committee and it is hoped that in its next meeting the committee may be able to prepare a tentative statement of these objectives.

I continue to serve as secretary-treasurer of the Cooperative Publication Association, the agency that cooperatively produces all texts for vacation church school, weekday church school, leadership education, camp, and many adult booklets. More and more this agency is becoming recognized as the denominations' answer to cooperative work. In the past year 302,597 copies of the available 76 texts were sold. At the present time 30 new manuscripts are being prepared and will be published in the coming months. Our own Christian Education Press has published several of these and has contracted to publish several others. The manuscript for one of these - a leadership text being written by Robert Moss - is being carried out under my supervision.

These are only a few of the committees on which I have been privileged to serve in the interest of cooperation. This past year I was renamed as a member of the Assembly of the Division of Christian Education, serving as a representative from the Joint Department of Family Life.

### General

The erection of a fifth floor on the Eden Publishing House has been begun. It will probably be Fall before this can be completed. This building venture will not affect the location of the editorial department in any way.

Mrs. Maxine Fischer again has proved to be an all-round efficient secretary, office clerk, file clerk, and general dispenser of information for inquiries made about publications, releases, and other data regarding the work. We are thankful for the services that she has rendered and for the attitude that she has to the work and workers. We are also appreciative for the services of Miss Esther Freivogel, who at the present time is putting in four days a week.

In closing I should like to write a "heartly thank you" to all members of the Board and to all co-workers in St. Louis and in Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

FRED E. MCQUEEN

To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

Since my last report there has been a shift in my editorial interests and responsibilities--from junior high and senior high curriculum materials to leadership education and family life materials. Miss Henderson assumed responsibility for my curriculum assignments on August 1, and I took over from Miss Jean Louise Smith the editorial work on the Church School Worker and the family books. I have found the work on these very stimulating and enjoyable.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL WORKER

To aid in planning this magazine, two committees have been set up. The one meets twice a year and consists of representatives from all the departments of the Board. This group formulates general policies. The other committee meets quarterly and consists of the director of curriculum, the editor, and the three age-group editors. This committee plans for specific issues.

Such an arrangement is very helpful in that through this consultation all areas are touched upon and the interests of the various departments are taken into consideration.

In addition, staff people have been very co-operative in suggesting names of possible writers as they come in contact with people who display a certain interest and ability in the field of Christian education. My associate, Herman Ahrens, has been most patient with me and has offered many suggestions as I learned the ropes. For all this help I am grateful.

#### FAMILY BOOKS

In the realm of family books I still feel in a whirl. To be plunged into:

1. editorial responsibilities for the last year of the second cycle, for which all manuscripts were in the file,
2. conferences with writers of family books for the third cycle with its different emphasis and format, all of which had been determined before I took over,
3. writing specifications for the fourth cycle,
4. and doing preliminary thinking in relation to the 1963 curriculum,



has been difficult as one tries to get one's feet on the ground in a new job. I have been grateful to Miss Merle Easton, editor of family books for the Congregational Christians, for all her help during these months of learning and adjustment. Our working relationship has been a very happy one.

As indicated above, when the new cycle begins in the fall of 1956, there will be a change of emphasis and format. As a result of the survey that was carried on in 1953, both the Congregational Christians and we discovered that parents would like to have the family books directed to them rather than to the whole family. They asked for more help on how to use the materials with children.

It was agreed to change the size of the book to that of the Church School Worker. The first sixteen pages will be given over to a number of articles to help parents in their own thinking and religious growth. One article will deal with the basic philosophy underlying that quarter's theme. Another will deal with more practical aspects of working out the theme in the home. There will be a number of "questions children ask," with help to the parents on understanding why such questions arise.

The remainder of the book will carry the same type of materials as the present family books carry--stories, suggestions for activities, and worship--but with this difference: help will be provided for parents in using these materials with their children. For instance, in the first book of the third cycle, prepared by Estred and Charles Schwantes, each story is written with a purpose in mind. These purposes are indicated at the beginning of the story section. Then, after each story, there is a section "For the Parents to Think About" and another on "For Family Discussion." These sections are based on the story that has preceded them.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the joint staffs in March it was agreed to increase the size of the books to ninety-six pages, in order to provide approximately as much material as had been provided formerly in the sixty-four page book. It was felt that the idea of a book rather than a magazine should be preserved, and that the layout should be so attractive that the parents will be led to read the contents.

To continue this format means that we must increase our circulation considerably. Pastors, superintendents, and parents will need to be alerted to the change in emphasis. Churches that once tried the family books and stopped giving them to their families will have to be encouraged to try the new ones. Suggestions for introducing them to parents should be provided. In other words, a strong promotional and educational campaign needs to be launched next year before the fall ordering of materials is done.

But until we begin the new, we must continue to promote the old! This coming fall there will be a Bible picture dictionary called Let's Look It Up. It should rival the Bible Quiz Book in popularity if people are made sufficiently aware of its nature.

#### ARMED FORCES CURRICULUM

The response to the curriculum set up by an interdenominational group of editors has been beyond expectations, even in such optional matters as the family books. However, the test of the value of this sort of curriculum will come when the orders for the second year are received.

There is some thought being given at the present time to providing a curriculum for emergency areas in our own country. This was originally in the planning of the committee but had to be set aside because of the feeling of urgency on the part of the armed forces for immediate materials for them. There is a need for courses that may be used with migrants, and in new housing areas. By the time the Board meets, there will have been another meeting of the Committee on Curriculum for Emergency Areas, and I can report later developments.

#### APPRECIATION

At this time I should like to express appreciation to Dr. Robert E. Koenig, whose quick grasp on the editorial processes, whose friendliness and understanding, and whose sound advice have helped to make the work of recent months a real joy.

This report could not close without a word of appreciation to Betty Applegate, my secretary, whose faithfulness to duty, whose understanding of the editorial processes, whose unfailing good humor, and whose willingness to assume responsibility have been of great help.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIE ROSE REMMEL



To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

Except for fleeting moments of encouragement at such events as caravan training and the Evanston assembly this past summer, I am disturbed by the lethargic attitude of so many of our church young people. Perhaps this has been a typical teenage characteristic throughout all time. Perhaps today's teens know no better because adults set lethargic examples. Perhaps we're not demanding enough of our teens. Perhaps we're even afraid of them---afraid of their enthusiasm to explore untouched fields, their highly-publicized ability to strike back, and their knack of sensing adult shallowness.

It is the continued hope that Youth magazine can speak to these teens in a way that will help awaken an interest and a concern. Give them new outlook and horizons. Sympathize where necessary. Laugh with them at their inadequacies when advisable, hit hard with facts where vital, and demand of them their all to Christ. Sounds almost poetic, but it is what I hope is motivating the contents and appearance of Youth from issue to issue. But certainly it is more accurate to say that we still have a ways to go.

With the April 4, 1954 issue of Youth, the format was changed from a six-page newspaper to a 32-page, pocket-sized magazine. After a year we can report an increase of about 7000 in circulation and a ten percent increase in the number of churches using Youth magazine, but also an increase in the amount of subsidy.

The change in format had its expected results. But part of the credit must also go to the promotional efforts that accompanied the change. The advance "teaser" that announced the change in format and the follow-up flier and mailing last spring had surprising results, especially in the high proportion of replies asking for sample copies of the "new" Youth. Other promotional channels used were The Messenger, Church School Worker, and the Woman's Guild packet, youth rallies, and camps and conferences. A promotional mailing was made in October to all superintendents of church schools not using Youth magazine.

But even with a ten percent increase in the number of churches using Youth and nearly a 60 per cent increase in circulation, there is still 65 per cent of our churches not using Youth and many of the churches now using Youth could use even more copies. To tap this additional source of users, we are planning new promotional approaches. With the services of Miss Helen Groninger, new ads are being designed, a promotional flier

aimed at parents of teens is being prepared for circulation through the Women's Guild packet and other channels serving adults, efforts to enlist the help of synodical youth cabinets is being renewed, a promotional skit is being written, follow-up to get renewals is being worked on, and the regular channels of promotion are being rethought and revamped. We welcome Miss Groninger's assistance.

As for future prospects for circulation increases, there is perhaps promise in the steadily-growing influx into the age level of Youth readers and the nation-wide clean-up efforts on smutty literature with the resultant (we hope) increased support of wholesome literature like Youth and others.

Despite pretty goals and hopeful evidence of relative achievement, cruel facts of finance force us to ask ourselves: Are we aiming in the right direction through the efforts of Youth magazine? Is this a service to our churches worth subsidizing? How much? Can we ever hope to publish a youth periodical without subsidy? Are there sources of income untouched with Youth? Can we cut expenses without hurting the effectiveness of our outreach? What more can be done to increase the use and the usefulness of Youth in churches throughout our denomination? How long can we expect the current rate of increase in circulation to continue?

With the shift in the editorship of the Church School Worker, I continue to work parttime as associate to the editor, helping out in various aspects of the layout and production angles, as well as continued responsibility for the two youth sections in Church School Worker. Also with the change of editors came a wholesome rethinking of the responsibilities and concern of the various editors and staff persons responsible for the contents of Church School Worker. Miss Rempel and her secretary, Miss Betty Applegate, have been most cooperative and efficient in our effort to work as a team in producing Church School Worker. And once again, as with Youth, the promotional assistance being given by Miss Groninger will do much to call the Church School Worker to the attention of our church schools, especially those not presently using it.

My work and contacts with the Department of Youth Work continue to be most enjoyable, thanks to both the staff and secretarial personnel. Editorial assistance is given to the Department on the layout and publication of the quarterly Your Youth Program, the Dedicated Dollars promotional material, and occasionally other pieces. Miss Shellenberger, Mr. Tani, and Mr. Flick have been very cooperative in news and promotional tips for Youth and assistance on planning the youth pages of the Church School Worker.



Caravan training sessions last June and caravan roundup in late July were part of my summer youth activities. I also attended both the biennial National Council meeting of the Youth Fellowship at Cedar Crest in late August and early September and the Akron meeting of synodical youth presidents and adult advisers. I served on the youth committee at the May joint staff meetings on curriculum. And I continued my participation in the Committee on Youth Work of the National Council of Churches by attending both the spring and fall meetings.

One of the highlights of the year was the opportunity to represent the Protestant youth editors of our country at the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston. My assignment was to "cover" the activities of the young people at Evanston. Rubbing shoulders with Christian youth of the world at the week-long, pre-Evanston meeting at Lake Forest College and during the assembly itself was indeed a tremendous experience. There was a dedication and genuineness in the thinking and activities among these young people that was most encouraging for the church of today.

As a result of the Evanston assignment, articles were written for publications of our own and other denominations. In cooperation with Oscar Rumpf of the Bureau of Audio-Visual Aids, a colored filmstrip was edited and produced for the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches. It is entitled "Youth at Evanston...and the Days Ahead." Also as a result of the Evanston assignment, I have been asked to serve on an Interpretation and Support Committee of the U. S. Conference of the World Council of Churches. I cannot begin to express my appreciation to the Board and the United Christian Youth Movement for making it possible for me to be at Evanston covering the youth slant.

This year I lost one faithful secretary and gained another. Mrs. Miriam Weaver left in January in preparation for the birth of her daughter in February. To Mrs. Weaver go our best wishes and sincere thanks for her devoted secretarial services. Replacing her since January is Mrs. Doris Collins who has learned the ropes quickly and efficiently, and deserves commendation.

I continue to grow in appreciation of the wonderful cooperation of fellow staff members. I only hope I can return in some small measure the sympathetic cooperation they have shown in those seemingly non-cooperative moments of rushed deadlines, particularly during those many moments I have been giving recently to the interdenominational book-writing assignment for the Joint Commission of Missionary Education.

It is my hope that in the coming year I can grow in understanding of the unattempted potential of reaching and aiding and serving young people in our local churches. We will strive to give additional reality to our good intentions.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman C. Ahrens, Jr.



To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

In the spring and early summer of 1954 the major portion of my time was spent in preparing a brochure titled, "Christian Leaders, Our Greatest Need," to be used in presenting the work of our board at the fall synod meetings. I have now been assigned the task of developing a similiar brochure for use this coming fall.

Last August I assumed editorial responsibility for the junior and senior high Church and Home curriculum materials and also for the junior high Uniform Lesson materials. This work includes reading and criticising the manuscripts for the Junior Hi Kit, published by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., working cooperatively with our denomination and the Congregational Christian Churches. In addition, a marginal fraction of time must be given to reading the proofs of Venture, the story paper for the junior high age, also published cooperatively.

In planning for the third cycle of our present Church and Home curriculum, a new junior high course tentatively titled "Bridges to Brotherhood" is to replace the course "Brothers All" in the spring quarter of 1956. This is in process and will be ready for the printer by July 1. In the interests of economy, in the event that new plates are required for the third cycle of Church and Home materials, we would like to consider changing the title of our senior high course "What Kind of Person Am I" to "You at Your Best", which is the present title of the Congregational Christian course. This will save making new plates for our edition for each alternate page, because it carries the course title. The junior high course "Our Church Around the World" will need to be rewritten to bring it up to date for use during the winter quarter of 1957.

I have attended four meetings this year in connection with the work of developing the new curriculum for 1963, one in Atlantic City, two in Boston, and one in Philadelphia, serving on the Youth Committee.

Because of my work with the Uniform Lessons, I was asked to attend the meetings of the Uniform Lesson Committee, which met in Philadelphia in October. In preparation for this meeting, at the request of Mr. McQueen I worked with a smaller committee of representatives of the four member boards in Philadelphia, the American Baptist, United Lutheran, and the Presbyterian U.S.A., and our own, in planning for some entertainment of the entire Uniform Lesson Committee during their Philadelphia stay. This was the first time

our board had had a share in planning this entertainment, which this year included a sightseeing tour and dinner at the Belmont Mansion in Fairmount Park. We were happy to participate.

Last summer I was asked by Dr. Gilbert Schroer to present the mission emphasis at the junior high camp at Fernbrook. Since this is one of the newer small-group type of camps, it was the opinion of the director that this could best be done through meeting with the leaders in the pre-camp session. A dish concocted according to an Indian recipe at an out-door cook-out, and a presentation of the Friendship Press books to the leaders, enabled them to adapt this emphasis to their plans for their small-group activity, so that the mission emphasis found its way in the program of this camp as it might not have done without this brief period in the pre-session.

In closing I would like to express my appreciation to Miss Rimmel for the accurate, painstaking work which I have inherited from her, to my other colleagues on our staff, and on the staff of the Congregational Christian Churches with whom I have had very pleasant working relationships. I should like to add a special word of thanks to my secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Dailey, who has been kindness and patience personified, as we have embarked together on a new venture.

Respectfully submitted,

Lael A. Henderson



To the Members of the  
Board of Christian Education and Publication

During the past year I have continued my work on the many and varied publications for which I am responsible as Editor of Children's Publications. Not many changes have taken place within the year although the carrying out of the decisions made previously has meant a change in the amount and type of work which I must do.

### Curriculum

The final proof of the cooperative (E & R and CC) Kindergarten Teacher's Guide has gone to press and with it the end of many necessary changes and revisions. The first manuscript of our own kindergarten material has been completed and will be in print for the fall 1955 quarter. It is our hope that this will meet more nearly the needs of our people. Every effort has been made to have the guides rewritten according to the best educational methods as well as from the criticisms from the field.

The Primary Teacher's Guide is still being ably edited by Mrs. Marcus J. Priester, who gives half time to this work. Mrs. Priester has also attended some of the planning meetings for the new curriculum.

This is our first year for the publication of the Lower Junior Teacher's Guides and pupil's books. From all reports they are being well accepted in the field and are meeting a real need. These are published jointly with the Congregational Christians.

The Junior Teacher's Guides and pupil's books are also being done in cooperation with the Congregational Christians with the exception of sixteen pages for services of worship. Writers have been secured for the remaining quarters of this present three-year cycle.

### Church School Worker

I have continued to carry the responsibility for the children's section of the Church School Worker. This entails planning, securing writers, and the editing of such articles that we feel will be of help to our teachers, pastors and superintendents.

### Story Papers

We have continued our very satisfactory relationship with the Presbyterians in the publishing of the primary and junior storypapers, Stories and Trailblazers. Our suggestions have been well received and incorporated wherever possible. Mrs. Hunter Keen has continued the responsibility for this editing.

Due to increased responsibilities, it has been necessary to have help in editing materials from time to time. Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Robert E. Koenig, and Mrs. Priester have been invaluable in assisting me. I am extremely grateful for their cooperation, most of which has been without remuneration.

It was also found necessary to employ the services of another secretary for this office, so Mrs. Thora Brown joined Mrs. Amy Kurkjian and myself. Without the help of both of my secretaries the work required could never have been accomplished. They deserve much credit for their patience, their willingness to work overtime, for their accuracy, and the spirit in which they have carried out their duties.

Evelyn Clementine McGill



## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Since the last meeting of our Board, we have published the revised and enlarged edition of MY CONFIRMATION (15,000 copies); THE GOLDEN CENSER by Henry Harbaugh (7000); FOLLOWERS OF THE WAY by Carl J. Scherzer (3000); OUR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS, a pocket-size booklet combining the doctrinal leaflets prepared at the suggestion of the General Council (10,000); THIS OLD LEATHER SATCHEL by Theophilus Eisen (3000); TOMORROW IS TODAY by James H. Robinson (5000).

The revised MY CONFIRMATION has been most favorably received. The first printing of 12,000 copies paper-bound was sold out in March. Of the 3000 cloth-bound copies, we have left about 500. A reprint order has been placed, and we expect copies of the second printing to be available in April. Usually we have not needed to place reprint orders until summer time. A pastor's manual for MY CONFIRMATION is in preparation, and we hope to have it in print by September.

The following books have been reprinted: MY CAMP BOOK by Nelle Morton (5000); ABOUT MYSELF by Nevin C. Harner (3000); I BELIEVE by Harner (3000); CHURCH AND HOME by Oscar J. Rumpf (1500); I BELIEVE, pocket size (25,000); ABOUT MYSELF, pocket size (35,000).

Printings of the pocket-size I BELIEVE now total 185,000. Our experience with this book has encouraged us to have ABOUT MYSELF reprinted in the same size by photo-offset. We have assurances from the directors of youth work of several denominations, notably the Methodist, that the sale of the pocket edition of ABOUT MYSELF will be vigorously promoted.

Additional books planned for publication during 1955 are: TRIBUTE TO JESUS by Henry Daniel Kramer, a book of poems whose themes run from Christmas to Easter; GROWING INTO FAITH by Kendrick Strong; THE LIFE OF PAUL by Robert V. Moss, a leadership text assigned to us by the Cooperative Publication Association, edited by Fred McQueen; SO SEND I YOU by Ruth Seabury, a book on missions to succeed Casselman's Into All the World.

The preparation of the manuscripts of two books that we hoped to publish this year has been delayed, but according to present indications they can be scheduled for 1956. The books are ROOTS AND FRUITS OF CHRISTIAN NURTURE by Allen O. Miller, and AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS FOR THE CHURCH by Oscar J. Rumpf.

Paul Vieth has partially completed the manuscript for a book tentatively titled THE CHURCH SCHOOL - Its Organization and Administration. He has been teaching in the University at Tokyo during the past winter. As soon as he returns to the United States this spring, he will try to do the rest of the writing.



At the invitation of the Cooperative Publication Association we have accepted responsibility for publishing three books: The Christian Ideal for My Community by Huber F. Klemme; Our Families by Frances Taltavull; Kings and Prophets by Faye DeBeck Flynt. These books are to be available in late 1956 or in 1957. They will be edited, in the order indicated, by Fred D. Wentzel, Jean Louise Smith, Lael Henderson.

A manuscript for a small book for the sick and convalescent has been submitted by Harold P. Schultz. The suggested title is UNTO THE HILLS. This will be published as soon as the necessary editing can be done.

Dr. James H. Robinson has submitted final copy for the booklet on the more favorable aspects of race relations in the United States. Financing of production costs is made possible by contributions made for the purpose at the National Conference on Christian Education held in 1953. The writers of all sections of the booklet and the artist who made drawings for the cover and each of the sections are Negroes. After our editing has been done, the manuscript will be retyped, and a copy will be given to Dr. Elton Trueblood of the United States Information Agency. Dr. Trueblood has indicated his interest both to Dr. Robinson and to us, and wide distribution of the booklet in this country and abroad is assured.

Work on the new church school hymnal to replace CHRISTIAN HYMNWAYS must be accelerated if we are to have the new hymnal by 1957. Some of the members of the hymnal committee met during the sessions of the Division on Christian Education of the National Council in Cincinnati last February, and a two-day meeting is scheduled for April 18-19. We hope that substantial progress can be reported at the annual meeting of the Board. Fifteen thousand copies of CHRISTIAN HYMNWAYS have been reprinted to meet demand during the next few years.

After careful investigation we have decided to engage the lithographing firm of Ketterlinus, with headquarters in nearby Primos, to make full-color reproductions of the head of Christ by Barosin. Framed pictures in three sizes will be available for exhibit at the national conference on Christian education to be held in Cleveland during July of this year. Color proofs are promised by the time of the Board meeting on April 20-21.

#### Greater Emphasis on Promotion

For the last ten years we have relied chiefly on the Newhouse Sales Association of Mineola, New York, to get our books into the hands of dealers. On our part we have furnished free imprinted fliers to dealers, sent them our annual catalog, and informed them about each new book at the time of its publication. Occasionally we have advertised in the major denominational magazines, The Christian Century and The Outlook of the National Council. To the editors of these magazines we have sent review copies of nearly all our book publications.



With the addition to our staff of Miss Helen Groninger, we are enabled for the first time to give proper attention to advertising and promotion. We will probably continue the methods just outlined, but employ them more wisely and profitably. New methods are now being considered, such as an exhibit at the annual convention of the American Library Association, which will be held this summer in Philadelphia. We are confident that book sales can be appreciably increased through sustained attention to promotional techniques proved valuable by other publishers.

### The Committee on Publication

The Committee on Publication of General Council met for the first time on December 16, 1954, in Chicago. Our Board was represented by Frank Sheeder, Reinhard Krause, Gerson Engelmann, and myself. According to the minutes of General Synod of 1953, page 387, recommendation 13: "The General Synod directs its newly created Committee on Publication, the Board of Christian Education and Publication, and the Board of Business Management to study the problems involved in the field of publication for the Church and instructs them to present to the 1956 General Synod their joint suggestions for a basic policy of publication of the Evangelical and Reformed Church." The minutes defined the functions of the Committee on Publication as follows: "The Committee on Publication, consisting of five members of General Council, shall determine the editorial policy of the Church papers, fix the salaries of the editors, supervise their work, and cause to be published books or pamphlets which interpret the educational position or polity of the Evangelical and Reformed Church as directed by the General Synod or the General Council."

In advance of the Chicago meeting, the chairman, Dr. Erwin Koch, invited us to suggest items for the agenda. On October 20, 1954, Dr. Sheeder wrote to the chairman:

"The following are matters that seem to us to be pertinent and ought to have a place in our discussion:

1. The desirability of designating Christian Education Press as the official publishing agency of our Church. This need not preclude the possibility of other agencies publishing material on their own, but would make it possible, for instance, for Christian Education Press to render technical assistance to whatever agencies of the Church might desire to make use of such assistance.
2. Is it desirable for book stores of the Church to continue to have publishing privileges as is now the case?



3. Would it be desirable to develop a plan for the publication of important historical documents which cannot be self-liquidating but which need to be published from time to time, even though financial subsidies are required?"

Three agreements were reached at Chicago:

1. "For the next year there be experimentation on a cooperative working arrangement between the Committee on Publication of General Council and the Christian Education Press with the Committee on Publication providing consultation and guidance concerning the over all long range strategy and the Christian Education Press making specific recommendations and being charged with responsibility of carrying out the decisions agreed upon. In accordance with action of General Synod a representative of the Board of Business Management be a party to this arrangement."
2. For an experimental period of one year we request Eden Publishing House and the Heidelberg Press to refer all manuscripts to the Committee on Publication.
3. That the item concerning the publishing of "The Lives of Evangelical and Reformed Fathers" be referred to the Historical Commission for study.

A second meeting of the Committee on Publication was scheduled for February 9 in New Orleans. Before this meeting Dr. Robert Kienle, President of the Board of Business Management, circulated a mimeographed document in which he repudiated all the Chicago agreements on the basis that the Board of Business Management had not been adequately represented in Chicago and that the agreements reached at the Chicago meeting went beyond the functions of the Committee on Publication. At New Orleans, therefore, the discussions started de novo. The Board of Business Management was represented again, as it had been at Chicago, by Dr. Kienle and William Pelster. Dr. Kienle took the position that he himself was not empowered to make commitments. The Committee on Publication, therefore, scheduled a third meeting for June, 1955, at which the Executive Committees of both the Board of Business Management and our Board are to be present.

Although no decisions were reached at New Orleans, we feel that some progress was made in getting at the facts about publishing in our Church. Dr. Kienle had always thought our Board was going beyond its constitutional prerogative when it undertook the publication of books. He assured us that the discussion of the by-law which outlines the functions of the Board of Christian Education and Publication had corrected this idea.



### Long-Range Publishing Plans

Despite the enormous number of books on the market, changing conditions in the church and in society constantly make new publications necessary. Some contemporary needs are indicated below:

- A. The need for guidance in the devotional life. In this field we have already published a number of books widely used within our fellowship and beyond it, but much more should be done.
- B. The need for theological education. This need was recognized by the General Council when a few years ago it instructed our Board to supervise the preparation of a series of doctrinal leaflets. Dr. Harner's book, *I BELIEVE*, has served to answer theological questions for thousands of young people. Dr. Miller's book on the theological foundations of Christian nurture should be valuable for both church school leaders and parents. One suggestion received is that we publish a book with some such title as *THE LIVING DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT*.
- C. The need for books interpreting the history and thought of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. We have been considering the possibility of producing a popular life of Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin, or Martin Luther. We have also thought of publishing a series of books on American contributions to the development of theological thought.
- D. The need of material to guide the religious life of the family. Here we are considering a series of comparatively small books based on (1) the yearly themes of our Church and Home Series or (2) the Church year or (3) denominational emphases.
- E. The need for books on the teaching work of the church and the home. Here it seems that we ought to give attention to such areas as Christian vocation, teaching the child to pray, the church and society. Systems of church school records presently available are far from satisfactory. Paul Vieth has indicated his interest in working on a new set of records.

As we formulate plans for future publications, we ought to provide writing opportunities for ministers and laymen of our church who have something to say and have some talent for saying it. Such leaders as Roger Shinn, Lionel Whiston, Robert Moss, John Dillenberger, and John Noss have proved their ability to write significantly. We ought not, of course, to limit invitations to Evangelical and Reformed persons.

I am grateful to the members of the Board, our staff, and my secretary, Mrs. Arthur Morje, for their steady helpfulness during the past year.

Fred D. Wentzel